

# MALA eLetter

## APRIL 2024

### MALA EVENTS

The Speed Mentoring event was held on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Across-the-Board Café and it was a success! 10 professionals and 10 students came out spending 15-20 minutes at each table and then the students moved on to talk to other professionals. Overall, it was a fun, light-hearted event and some good conversations were had! Each year the MALA and the Landscape Architecture Student Association (LASA) host a Speed Mentoring event, which creates a casual setting for conversations surrounding various topics in Landscape Architecture.

Up next is the 50<sup>th</sup> MALA AGM/MALA Night which will be held Friday, APRIL 5TH, 2024, at the Alt Hotel Winnipeg, beginning at 4 PM. Contact [mala@mala.net](mailto:mala@mala.net) for further information.

The MALA will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary throughout 2024 with several initiatives and events planned. Watch for further information in your inbox.

If you are interested in volunteering for a future MALA event, or volunteering at the upcoming 2024 Congress, please contact the MALA office. By volunteering your time, you can earn CE credits and socialize and collaborate with others in your field!

### 2024 CSLA-MALA CONGRESS: ORIGINS | EVOLUTION | REVOLUTION

**Virtual Event (free admission): April 23rd from 2 to 3:30 pm ET.** The CSLA-MALA Virtual Congress is free for all to attend. To register for the Virtual Congress ONLY, [click here](#).

**In-person Event (registration fees apply): RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg, May 30 - June 1, 2024.** When you register for the in-person event, you will be automatically registered for the virtual event, and you will receive a link to the event in your email.

#### **Before You Register For the In-person Event**

1. Read the [program here](#)
2. Learn more about the [tours here](#)
3. Click on [this link to go to the registration page](#)
4. Select your admission tickets, gala tickets, free workshop tickets, and tour tickets
5. Pay for your order through the website

#### **What you Need to Know**

##### **Your Registration Includes:**

- appetizers and a cash bar at the Thursday and Friday receptions,

- breakfast, lunch and snacks on Friday and Saturday,
- and access to all events, unless noted as ticketed.



### Awards Gala – Discounted Tickets in Celebration of the CSLA's 90th Anniversary

All delegates are invited to attend the Congress gala on Saturday, June 1st, by purchasing a rebated ticket for \$40 (regular price is \$160) at the time of registration. The CSLA Board of Directors is kindly subsidizing rebated gala tickets to celebrate the 90th anniversary of CSLA. Registered delegates may purchase additional gala tickets for their guests at a cost of \$100.

### Student Travel Grant Program

You may be eligible to apply for a \$1,000 travel grant. Apply by April 10th and [click here to download the application form.](#)

### MALA Associate and Student Automatic Discount

The MALA Council is pleased to offer MALA students and associates an automatic 50% discount on registration to the Congress. When you go to place your order, you will see a question on the top right-hand corner of the "register now" screen that says, "Have a promotional code?" - enter "MALASTUDENT50" or 'MALAASSOCIATE50". [2024 CSLA-MALA Congress | REGISTER](#)

### FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE YEAR END EXHIBITION – EVERYONE WELCOME



The Faculty of Architecture Year End Exhibition is an annual event that celebrates the hard work and creative achievements of all students at all levels of the undergraduate and graduate programs at the Faculty of Architecture.

When: April 26<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6 pm – 10 pm

Location: John A. Russell and Architecture 2 Buildings at the University of Manitoba

Cost: FREE

*Please note the exhibition will also be open on April 29<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm.*

### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Emily Sinclair** was accepted as *Member* by the Examining Board and MALA Council in February. Emily received a Master of LA and Bachelor of Env. Design from the University of Manitoba. Emily currently works at Nadi Design.

**Caila Sveison** was accepted as *Associate Member* by the Examining Board and MALA Council in February. Caila received a Master of LA and a Bachelor of Env. Design from the University of Manitoba. Caila currently works at Gellers Design Build Landscape.

## 2024 STUDENT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations go to MALA Student Member, **Aaron Bomback**, University of Manitoba, for Neglected Landscapes: A transformative future for Winnipeg's infrastructure corridors, in the Studio Project Category. Also, congratulations to the other winner, Erin Schwab, *University of Calgary*, for Agricultural Futurism: The Un-settling of Agriculture in Southern Alberta, in the Studio Project Category.

The Program is intended to recognize and promote excellence in the profession's educational institutions and recognize excellence in work by students in CSLA's LAAC-accredited programs.

## APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR LAF IGNITE

**LAF Ignite** is a multi-year program for BIPOC landscape architecture students. Participants receive:

- an annual \$10,000 scholarship
- an annual paid summer internship
- various forms of mentorship

Each year, 3-5 students are accepted into Ignite and participate until they have completed their landscape architecture degree. [LEARN MORE](#)

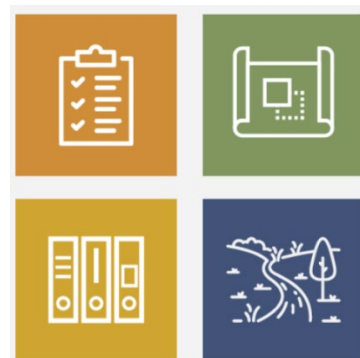
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## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DESIGNED A STEAM DISCIPLINE

Did you know that the Canadian government had identified landscape architecture as a STEM discipline? This matters for the profession! It means that landscape architects can immigrate to Canada using the Express Entry immigration program, which gives priority to skilled STEM workers. [LEARN MORE HERE.](#)

## LANDSCAPE | PAYSAGES MAGAZINE

Landscapes|Paysages Magazine is always looking for your stories, and every project has a story to tell. L|P can help tell yours!

Please see the list below for upcoming issue 'Themes' and proposed story idea submission deadlines:

- Fall 2024 – **Decarbonize Design** – Landscape Architecture and Climate Change, Guest Editor Matt Williams, See attached Calls for Submission – **Ideas May 13, Final Drafts by June 17**
- Winter 2024 – **Student Issues** (Tentative Title) – Issues important to students of landscape Architecture in Canada **BY** students of landscape architecture in Canada, Co-Guest Editors Jennifer Wan and Kulsum Fatima, Details forthcoming – **Ideas by August 15, Final Drafts by September 30**
- Spring 2025 – **Women and Landscape Architecture** – Details Forthcoming

Dates are approximate, generally flexible, and ever changing. Stories can be longer articles (1400-1600 words) or shorter pieces (up to 500 words). Stories need not be on topic, but it is preferable for longer articles. We are also always looking for book/film/website/other media reviews and your Mentorship Moments.

Prospective authors can submit story ideas they are considering, or articles and images, directly to the Guest Editors or Managing Editor Laurie Blake ([lp@csia-aapc.ca](mailto:lp@csia-aapc.ca)).

Note: CE Credits apply.

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