

Introduction for Ken Brooks:



Kenneth R. Brooks, FASLA, FCELA, is Professor of Landscape Architecture at Arizona State University, where his teaching includes topics, workshops and courses in the areas of geographic information systems, large-scale land use planning, interdisciplinary collaboration, research methods and natural environmental systems. He also serves as the Coordinator for the Landscape Architecture Programs (BSLA & MLA) within the The Design School.

From 2004-2009, he was Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Design at ASU, in which he served as the chief academic officer of the College of Design, encompassing five academic units, nine fields of study, approximately 2600 undergraduate and 300 masters and PhD students, 75 regular faculty and a large number of practicing professionals serving as adjunct instructors. From 2006-2009, he also served as the Interim Director of ASU's School of Planning. The College of Design has seen the launching of five new degree programs and significant student growth, and the reorganization and significant enhancement of services to students, faculty and external friends, alumni, practitioners and other constituents in the past four years. In 2009, the ASU College of Design merged with the ASU Herberger College of the Arts to form the ASU Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Brooks has also been active in professional associations since the 1970s, serving recently as a member of the Arizona Chapter Executive Boards of both the American Society of Landscape Architects and the American Planning Association.

Before arriving in Arizona in 2004, Ken taught landscape architecture and community planning at Kansas State University for 22 years and served as the Graduate Director in Landscape Architecture. One of his responsibilities in the Kansas State Landscape Architecture Department was the introduction of computing technologies into the curriculum. Ken annually taught a thesis research writing course at KSU to MLA, MArch and MRCP students, helping over 300 architects, landscape architects and planners launch their thesis projects. Ken's first tenured faculty appointment was at Washington State University, culminating in a term as the Program Coordinator for Landscape Architecture.

Brooks served as President of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture in 2003-2004. He has also had multiple terms as a Regional Director, First and Second Vice President and Past President for CELA. His activities with CELA began in 1977 as a participant and founding member of Sigma Lambda Alpha, the Honor Society of Landscape Architecture. He served terms each as a Regional Director, Vice President, President and Past President of Sigma Lambda Alpha. He has been recognized by K-State as an exemplary educator and by Utah State University as a distinguished alumni.

Ken is also a member of the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board's Roster of Visiting Evaluators, having conducted accreditation visits to a number of landscape architecture programs around the country. In 2006, Brooks was a member of ASLA's National Professional Awards Jury.

Ken is a registered landscape architect, with licensure by examination in Kansas and by reciprocity in Missouri. Previous professional design experience includes positions as City Landscape Architect in the city of Pueblo, Colorado, Forest Landscape Architect with the Dixie National Forest in southern Utah, and design and planning work with private firms in the intermountain west and midwest.

His education includes a Bachelor of Science with Distinction in Landscape Horticulture from Colorado State in 1974, a Master of Landscape Architecture from Utah State University in 1977, and extended post-graduate studies in adult and continuing education at Kansas State University.

In 2007, with 33 years of teaching, scholarship, service and professional practice, Ken was inducted as a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA). In 2009, for his contributions to leadership in landscape architectural education, he was inducted as a Fellow of the Academy of Fellows of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (FCELA).

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