

Region 1 Director nomination materials for Jolie Kaytes

Bio

I am an associate professor and the landscape architecture program head at Washington State University. My teaching and scholarship integrate disciplinary perspectives and focus on recognizing the complexity of landscapes. I am particularly interested in water issues in the West; how design can be used for environmental advocacy; and the connections between art and science. My efforts are motivated by an objective to facilitate acceptance of many positions about landscapes; engender invention, dialogue, and inquiry; and ultimately foster respect and care for the ground and those who inhabit it.

During my five years as landscape architecture program head, I've led the program through accreditation, orchestrated successful recruitment and retention activities, developed a strategic plan, facilitated development opportunities, and worked with landscape architecture and School of Design and Construction (SDC) faculty and staff to optimize resources and enhance the learning environment.

Along with the above, I serve on various university, college, and school committees including the executive committee for the WSU Center for Environmental Research, Outreach and Education (CEREO), the advisory board for the WSU Center for Civic Engagement (CCE), the Faculty and Associate Dean Research Advisory Committee, and the Assessment Committee for the College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS). I've served as a reviewer for CELA conference abstracts (2005-2007), as well as the journals *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment*, *HortScience*, and *Northwest Science*.

Qualifications

I have been engaged in landscape architecture education for more than fifteen years. My experience has spanned teaching and administration. I've developed and taught undergraduate and graduate courses; designed curriculum; advised students; coordinated internships; and organized and led interdisciplinary regional, national, and international study tours. I've managed the daily activities of the LA program and drafted policies for tenure and promotion; student conduct; course delivery and procedures; as well as other policies related to School of Design and Construction operations.

The WSU landscape architecture program, along with architecture, interior design, and construction management, is situated in an interdisciplinary school. Because the school is structured to mirror the collaborative workplace of contemporary design and construction practice, shared governance and ongoing conversations are essential. The four program heads and the school director meet weekly to communicate, collaborate, solve problems, and brainstorm new initiatives. These regular meetings provide me with a forum for listening and learning about issues across distinct programs, and considering the SDC as a whole.

Plan to provide service to CELA

I am committed to representing and meeting the needs of Region 1 constituents, and CELA as a whole. I am also committed to helping CELA strengthen communication and outreach among Regional Directors and member institutions.