

# LANDSCAPE RESEARCH RECORD

## Peer Review Process

The *Landscape Research Record* publishes top quality articles selected from manuscripts submitted to the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) annual conference each year. The Record serves the mission of the CELA, that is, to encourage, support and further education in the field of landscape architecture specifically related to teaching, research, scholarship, and public service. The Record contains recent research and scholarship in all aspects of landscape architecture, distributed in the following tracks:

- Communication and Visualization
- Design Education and Pedagogy
- Design Implementation
- History, Theory and Culture
- Landscape Performance
- Landscape Planning & Ecology
- People-Environment Relationships
- Research & Methods
- Service-Learning and Community Engagement
- Sustainability
- Urban Design

The steps and typical timeline of the peer review are described below.

### **Abstract Submittal: September**

Peer-reviewed article publication on the Record starts from the abstract submittal to the CELA annual conference. The CELA executive office sends out Call for Abstracts around August each year.

### **Abstract Review: September-October**

The Vice President for Research leads the track chairs in the abstract review. Double blind review is used. Each abstract is reviewed by at least two reviewers.

### **Paper Submittal: January 20-25**

Authors of accepted abstracts receive the invitation to submit a full paper in November. The deadline is in January of the following year. The papers submitted at this time are not peer reviewed but only edited to satisfy the conference standard. Papers that do not follow the template of the conference are rejected.

### **The CELA Annual Conference: March-April**

### **Paper Review: May-June**

Papers that are submitted in time in January and stratify the conference standard become eligible to enter the peer review for the publication in the Record. The track chairs manage the review for their tracks and select high quality papers based on the score of abstract review, grammar, completion of study, contribution of new knowledge, format quality, etc. The track chairs then send out selected papers to at least two reviewers.

### **Review Result and Revision: July**

Track chairs collect review results and make recommendations on the manuscripts. Papers that are accepted with revision requirement will be sent back to the authors in July.

### **Final Manuscript Submittal: August**

Authors submit final manuscripts by August 31<sup>st</sup>. All papers are published by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **The Outstanding Paper Award: December-March**

The CELA Executive Committee has authorized The Outstanding Paper Award for published papers in the Record. The Vice President for Research and track chairs collectively select the winning paper. CELA notifies the winner(s) of the award, which is presented at the following CELA Annual Conference.