

**American Society of Landscape Architects, South Carolina Chapter Records  
Register, 1991-2004**

**Overview of Collection**

<b>Creator:</b>	American Society of Landscape Architects, SC Chapter
<b>Collection Number:</b>	Mss 275
<b>Title:</b>	American Society of Landscape Architects, South Carolina Chapter Records, 1991-2004
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains a sampling of records related to the South Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.
<b>Quantity:</b>	.55 cubic feet consisting of 14 folders, 2 VHS cassettes, and 4 beta cassettes in 2 boxes.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection includes past president and SCASLA files, as well as 2 VHS cassettes that have been converted from beta.

The past president files contain correspondence, e-mails, memoranda, faxes, and general/miscellaneous material that reflect the activities of the executive branch of the South Carolina chapter during the years 1991-2004. These files are arranged alphabetically by the past president's last name. The material within is arranged chronologically.

The SCASLA files contain agendas, budgets, minutes, registration forms, and reports that cover the years 1991-2004. These files are arranged alphabetically by title (Agendas, Budgets, etc.), and the material within is arranged chronologically.

In addition, there are two VHS cassette tapes that document historical aspects of landscape architecture in South Carolina.

**Additional Collection Information**

Cite as: [description of item such as "SCASLA Executive Meeting Minutes-January 28, 1998"], box number, folder number, Mss 275, American Society of Landscape Architects, South Carolina Chapter Records, Special Collections, Clemson University Libraries, Clemson, SC.

## **Historical Note**

Landscape Architecture has been defined as "...the analysis, planning, design, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environments. Types of projects include: residential; parks and recreation; monuments; urban design; streetscapes and public spaces; transportation corridors and facilities; gardens and arboreta; security design; hospitality and resorts; institutional; academic campuses; therapeutic gardens; historic preservation and restoration; reclamation; conservation; corporate and commercial; landscape art and earth sculpture; interior landscapes...etc."<sup>1</sup>

The American Society of Landscape Architects was founded in 1899 and is the national professional association that represents landscape architects. Currently [2004], the ASLA has 48 chapters representing all 50 states and boasts a membership of over 14,000.

The emergence of professional landscape architecture in South Carolina can largely be credited to the work of northern practitioners such as Loutrel Briggs and his work in Charleston. He came to SC in the late 1920's during a period of renaissance and renewal in Charleston; a time in which an influx of northerners began purchasing old plantations and townhouses in the area. Landscape architects became very desirable; however, there were no native landscape architecture professionals in SC at that time. A northern practitioner, Loutrel Briggs, was sought out. A popular opinion held by many is that Loutrel Briggs is responsible for much of the beauty of Charleston, SC as it is seen today.

Well into the 1970's, certification of site plans could only be approved by individuals with engineering degrees/certification because there was no registration avenue available to landscape architect professionals in SC. As a result, there was a real fear that SC may lose out on potential future landscape architecture professionals. In the fall of 1975, a group of landscape architect professionals met with John Parrish of the SC Department of Natural Resources in order to discuss the possibility of state registration for landscape architect professionals. The proposal met with success, and in 1976 legislation was passed and signed by SC Governor Jim Edwards.

In 1979, a proposal was made to Clemson University that would have brought a graduate degree program in landscape architecture to the school. The proposal made it through several committees but was rejected at the office of the President. It was eventually suggested to the group that an undergraduate degree should be proposed, citing that funds were much more likely to be made available to such a solution. The appropriate changes were made according to the recommendations, and the proposal was quickly passed by the Office of the President. The proposal was subsequently sent to the SC Commission on Higher Education and met with final approval in 1986.

The South Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects was founded in 1980.

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<sup>1</sup> American Society of Landscape Architects, "About ASLA", no date, <http://www.asla.org/nonmembers/publicrelations/factsheetpr.html> (accessed November 17, 2004)

In a memo dated May 27, 2003 addressed to SCASLA Past Presidents from current President [2003] David Stack, the idea for the establishment of an SCASLA archive at Clemson University's Special Collections was proposed.

The documentation of certain items reflecting the activities of the SCASLA serves as a valuable resource for the general public as well as future and current members of the chapter.

**Related Material:**

Series 83

College of Architecture, 1940-1988: box 33, folder 9; Office of the Acting Dean-Brown, Lamar H.-Landscape Architecture, 1986

**Collection Indexed Terms**

This collection is indexed under the following terms in the University Libraries' online catalog. Researchers desiring material about related topics, persons, or places should research the catalog under these headings.

**Subjects:**

Landscape Architecture—South Carolina

Landscape Architecture—South Carolina—History

American Society of Landscape Architects. South Carolina Chapter

Clemson University. Dept. of Planning and Landscape Architecture

**Document Types:**

Agendas

Budgets

Correspondence

Memoranda

Minutes

Reports

VHS

**Administrative Information**

**Acquired from:** Barry Anderson in 2004. The original accession number was 04-85.

**Processing Information:** Processed by Carl Redd in 2004.

**Detailed Description**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
1		<b>Past Presidents</b>
	1	Amanda Barton SCASLA President 2000, Correspondence, E-Mails, Memoranda, and Faxes 1998-2000
	2	Amanda Barton SCASLA President 2000, General/Miscellaneous 1999-2000
	3	Gregory D. Duckworth SCASLA President 2001-2002, Correspondence, E-Mail, Memoranda, and Faxes 2001-2003
	4	Gregory D. Duckworth SCASLA President 2001-2002, General/ Miscellaneous 2001-2003
	5	William T. Eubanks SCASLA President 1991-1992, Correspondence, Memoranda 1991-1992
	6	William T. Eubanks SCASLA President 1991-1992, General/ Miscellaneous 1991-1992
	7	Gary Haygood SCASLA President 2000-2001, Correspondence, E-Mails, Memoranda, and Faxes 2000-2001
	8	Gary Haygood SCASLA President 2000-2001, General/Miscellaneous 2000
	9	David E. Stack SCASLA President 2002-2003, General/Miscellaneous
		<b>SCASLA</b>
	10	Agendas 1991-1992, 2000-2004
	11	Budgets (Annual and Preliminary), Treasurer's Reports 1992, 1997-2004
	12	Constitution and Bylaws
	13	Minutes 1991, 1998-2004
	14	Registration for Hilton Head Meeting 2000
	15	Reports (Annual), Year in Reviews 1998-1999, 2002
	16	VHS Cassette Summary
		<b>VHS Cassettes</b>
	1.	PSA--:60 (4/9/02) Highlights Program-22:44 (4/8/02) Long Form Program-8:44 (4/9/02)
	2.	Landscape Architecture Long Program-46:25
2	1.	4 original beta cassettes <b>**not for use**</b>