

SWA is happy to announce several recent advancements in our firm.

Our design offices and individuals have excelled in pursuing idea

advancement, innovation and exploration in landscape architecture

and planning in recent years. We are excited by the contribution

of each of these individuals to SWA's continuous pursuit of design

excellence on behalf of our clients throughout the world.



**Gerdo Aquino**  
Fellow of American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA)

"I see my practice as a dynamic mix of landscape architecture and urban design," says Gerdo, whose work focuses on a variety of urban and suburban infill sites that are under-utilized or abandoned, "yet have the potential to enhance their existing surroundings through creative programming and natural systems integration." Clients frequently enlist him to assemble fresh, innovative teams where specialization is not only required, but necessary, given the complex issues facing contemporary landscape architecture projects around the world. Gerdo has a longstanding interest in Asia: while a student at Harvard, he co-founded the Graduate School of Design's first Asian student organization, AsiaGSD. He also has extensive experience in the analysis and planning of multi-scaled ecological corridors and repurposed streets and plazas in urbanized areas of North America, China, Egypt, and Vietnam. Gerdo is the President of SWA and Adjunct Associate Professor of USC in Los Angeles.



**David Berkson**  
Fellow of American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA)

For over three decades, David has been working to facilitate the role of landscape planning and design by building places that have meaning as well as function, in using land with sensitivity and by making places that contain a strong, accessible experience for people. His work is guided by the belief that design can shape the environment and that the quality of our surroundings directly influences the quality of our lives, at home, in the workplace, and in the public spaces that make up our communities and cities. His commitment to exploring historical, social, and cultural issues and interests in art and landscape constitute a seamless integrated process of design. This process serves as a prerequisite in creating places and communities that have inspiration, as well as building something that triggers memories. He constantly searches for that special place, one that reflects his hand as a designer and stimulates a fresh response. This search is a personal one, a private passion for the public realm landscape.

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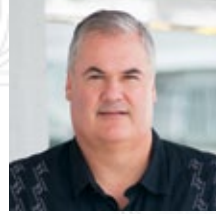


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