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# Climate Change and the Quad: Resiliency as Catalysts to Building Campus Landscape



## Overview

Three leading landscape architects from major public institutions will share current guiding policy and sustainable design progress in response to climate change. Their stories will highlight their professional contributions from the trenches to the pulpit as they manage their campus landscape in a changing climate, advocate for financial resources, and seek to enhance the quality of the campus environment. The moderated session will offer a check up on the progress universities are making and the unique opportunities presented by a renewed focus on resiliency.

## Learning Objectives

- Understand the nexus between global climate change and resiliency in campus landscapes.
- Learn about tools that address the challenges of building resilient campus landscapes including creating identity, sustainable planning, and sources of funding.
- Learn about integrating resilient principles into current campus landscape planning practices.
- Discuss how campus landscape architects use metrics and data to advocate for more holistic campus planning

## Moderator



**John Gibbs, ASLA, LEED AP**  
Principal, WRT Design

John Gibbs is a registered landscape architect and urban designer in WRT's San Francisco office. With 20 years of experience in a range of innovative work that includes educational campuses, park design and systems planning, community revitalization, streetscape enhancements, and detailed construction documentation, John seeks to engage social culture, ecology, and sustainability in the landscape.

## Speakers



### **Stephen 'Skip' Mezger, ASLA**

Campus Landscape Architect (retired Jan. 2017)  
University of California, Davis (UC Davis)

Skip, served as campus landscape architect for eighteen years. The success story at UC Davis might stem from the fact that he is part of a team of landscape architects – an unusual benefit for an institution. Davis structures open space work to engage with campus planners, leadership, academics, students, and maintenance personnel. He will discuss climate change as it relates to campus planning and site specific challenges.



### **Todd Pitman, ASLA**

Assistant Director Campus Planning and Campus Landscape Architect  
University of California, San Diego

Todd is the campus landscape architect leading long range campus planning, district planning, and specific campus landscape projects. In his capacity, he can guide individual projects to address broader campus goals such as historic preservation, identity, resiliency, and learning landscapes. He will present several relevant campus initiatives that connect climate change to site specific strategies.



### **Norman Yatabe, ASLA, LEED AP**

Landscape Project Manager, Arizona State University

Norman is a Landscape Architect and project manager at the University of Arizona involved and leading a number of sustainable initiatives to improve the campus. Considering the desert climate, it is no surprise that ASU is the leading campus in generation of electricity. The campus has implemented a strict approach to lawns and realized significant water reduction through landscape conversions. He will discuss current initiatives, sustainable design standards and funding.

## Notes

