

Spring 2014 Design X Thesis Presentations

Saturday, May 17th, 2014; 8:30am to 2:00pm, Breakfast at 8:00am

Dodd Hall Room # 121, UCLA Campus

Instructors: Jim Pickel & Meg Coffee

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THE LOS ANGELES ARTS DISTRICT: *Maintaining Identity in Transition*

Ryan Williams

For close to 200 years the Los Angeles Arts District has evolved through many iterations. Currently, as downtown becomes more multi-use, it again finds itself in a state of transition. This project presents a way to balance economic growth and development while maintaining the vibrant tone and character of the creative community that thrives here.

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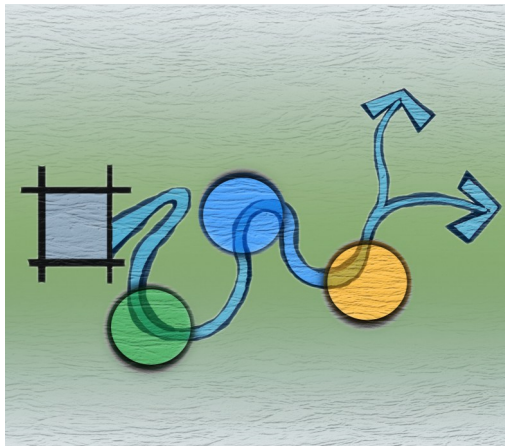
A New Vision for the
Downtown Los Angeles Arts District



VISUAL
ARTS

BUILT
ARTS

PERFORMING
ARTS



Flowing Through Time: *Exploring Hansen Dam's History Through Play*

Jennifer Junker

Children in modern suburbs are often disconnected from both the natural and cultural history of their communities. Hansen Dam offers a unique opportunity to explore the intersections of water, history and nature, while also reconnecting the adjacent community of Pacoima. The creation of a flowing, multi-modal adventure-path sweeps users to educational play areas that reveal Hansen Dam's rich, hidden history.

Learning by Site

Anne McInerney

Transforming three traditional schoolyards into dynamic "learnsapes", each with a unique curriculum and connected by a tree-lined corridor.



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Securing the Line: A Mutli-Modal Plan for the Los Angeles Waterfront

Emily Voges

Abandoned railroad tracks, roadways and under-used parking lot cause community disconnect, pollution and lack of public space at the port of Los Angeles. This project proposes to re-align, add and interconnect existing circulation routes into vibrant multi-modal strands that link port history, ecology, accessibility and economic activity.



Building Resilient Coasts: A New Approach in Oxnard

Emily Hope

Using sustainable design methods, nature takes back damaged systems while community space that allows for balanced interaction between people and nature is developed. Rather than implementing barriers that attempt to control the ocean, we return life and resilience to our coastal/urban edges.

