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The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) elevated **David Driapsa**, Naples, to the [ASLA Council of Fellows](#). Fellowship is among the highest honors the ASLA bestows on members and recognizes the contributions of these individuals to their profession and society at large based on their works, leadership and management, knowledge, and service. The 2015 class of 37 new fellows will be recognized at the [2015 ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo, November 6-9 in Chicago](#).



David Driapsa
Landscape Architect
Naples, Florida

David Driapsa, of David Driapsa Landscape Architect, received his nomination, in Service, from the Florida Chapter. A strong leader was needed when the national ASLA advocacy for congressional funding of the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) ended. Driapsa took those reins during that time of near crisis. He focused implementation of HALS at the ASLA chapter level, which resulted in a period of unprecedented success. Hundreds of landscapes were entered into the Library of Congress, and HALS emerged stronger than ever as many thousands of people came to appreciate landscape architects as conservationists. Driapsa himself has shared his knowledge through the significant historic landscapes he has recorded, which include the Mount Lebanon Shaker Village; the Spanish Colonial village of Chimayo, New Mexico; the segregated African American community of Smokey Hollow; the Olmsted brothers' "lost village" of Boca Grande; and the winter estate of Thomas Edison.

The designation of Fellow is conferred on individuals in recognition of exceptional accomplishments over a sustained period of time. Individuals considered for this distinction must be full members of ASLA in good standing for at least ten years and must be recommended to the Council of Fellows by the Executive Committee of their local chapter, the Executive Committee of ASLA, or the Executive Committee of the Council of Fellows.

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