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The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) elevated **Kenneth Bates**, formerly of Orlando, 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 2016 class of 28 new fellows will be recognized at the [2016 ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo, October 21-24 in New Orleans](#).



Kenneth Bates

Durango Custom Works
Durango, Colorado

Kenneth Bates, of Durango Custom Works, Durango Colorado, received his nomination, for Service, from the Florida Chapter. Throughout his career he has served the society assiduously. He brought more visibility and expansiveness to his chapter awards program. He also halted a state deregulation threat in 2011 and thereby galvanized the society's membership as stewards of public health, safety, and welfare. To him every venue is an opportunity to advance the profession—from his extensive community service to volunteer work within the ASLA at all levels. His government advocacy efforts and ability to expand national recognition of landscape architects and students have proven him a champion for his chosen profession. His leadership, including contributions as chair of the ASLA national Chapter Presidents Council, serves as a fitting example of how selfless dedication can raise public awareness of the value of landscape architecture.

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.