



## CAMERON ROBERT JAMES MAN

1935–2023

Cameron Robert James Man, a fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and recipient of the ASLA Medal, died on April 1, 2023, on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, at the age of 88.

Man's many leadership roles reflected his commitment to landscape architecture. In addition to receiving the ASLA Medal in 2006, the highest honor the society bestows, he served (twice) as president of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA). He also served terms as president of the Landscape Architecture Foundation, the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects, and the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects. He received the ASLA President's Medal in 1988, and from 1992 to 1993 he was the president of ASLA.

Despite his many accolades, it is difficult to break out the central legacy of Cameron Man. Born in Russell, Manitoba, he was raised on the Canadian prairies and witnessed the end of the infamous Dust Bowl, something he would later say had an impact on his life. After completing a bachelor's degree in architecture at the University of Manitoba and a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of California, Berkeley, under Garrett Eckbo, Man began working during graduate school at Royston, Hanamoto & Mayes in San Francisco. In 1965, he established Man, Taylor,

and Muret, which later became Lombard North Group. After cofounding the Landplan Collaborative in 1976, he continued to work in professional practice until 1989.

In 1971, he began a long and distinguished career in academia, heading the landscape architecture program at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Four years later, he became the director of the landscape architecture department at the University of Guelph, and in 1989 he moved on to the landscape architecture program at Mississippi State University (MSU), where he remained chair until his retirement in 2006. During his time as an educator, Man maintained his connections to private and public practice. Jill Yuzwa, a former student from Guelph, remembered Man as "one of the few people who fused practice and education of the profession. He did so seamlessly."

Richard Zweifel, FASLA, a former ASLA president, crossed paths with Man several times over his career, first when Zweifel came to teach at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, when Man was the head of the neighboring program at Pomona. Instead of being competitive, Zweifel described him as generous with his time, someone who wanted to see the new program be successful. To junior faculty, he says, Man was "an ASLA rock star."

Throughout his career in practice and education, Man was a mentor to many students and faculty members, including me. In 1975, when we both began teaching at the University of Guelph, he provided gentle and constructive guidance, bringing a wealth of knowledge to my first class, which I cotaught with him. I am grateful for his support and wisdom. It provided the foundation for my long career in education.

Colleagues described him as a serious person, but with a good sense of humor and a flair for storytelling. In conversations with Man over the years, James Taylor, FASLA, a colleague from the University of Guelph, recalled, "I always came away with the thought that there were more worlds to conquer, more things to do." Robert Brzuszek, his colleague at MSU, said, "Cameron was a walking encyclopedia of landscape architecture. He could place a design's importance into the context of a project's time and place better than anyone I knew."

Zweifel says that he was impressed with Man's ability to be so deeply involved in so many aspects of landscape architecture, to remain engaged as a mentor, colleague, and educator: "I was in awe of someone who had given so much. He was a giver in that way, to people." ●

—Ronald Stoltz, FASLA