

# 2015 Annual Report

**UTSA** Center for Cultural Sustainability  
College of Architecture, Construction and Planning



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# Message from the Director



December 2015

Dear Friend of the CCS,

This report summarizes and showcases the Center for Cultural Sustainability's ongoing work toward achieving several measures of success that guide our objectives and assess our performance. The four key areas are:

1. Knowledge and awareness about the center from scholars, the community, media, professionals and students
2. Sponsored projects that engage scholars and students in support of the CCS Mission
3. Publications and lectures developed or sponsored by the CCS
4. Funding and revenues

Additionally this year, to share in our work and provide additional structure to the Center we began the process of selecting and seating a CCS Advisory Council. We anticipate their participation, council and support will have long term benefits.

From the number of grants submitted and received, research projects underway, level of student engagement, and increased public awareness, the CCS advanced on all our measures of success and is primed for another successful year as a contributor to the College of Architecture, Construction and Planning's goals and The University of Texas at San Antonio's attainment of tier one status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "William A. Dupont". The signature is written in a cursive style.

William A. Dupont, FAIA, NCARB  
Center for Cultural Sustainability, Director

# About the CCS

what we do

## Our Mission

The Center for Cultural Sustainability explores the continuity of the cultural systems of human existence and the common identities of heritage that bind people to places.

## Our Purpose

The CCS provides academic research and services to benefit communities, completes large-scale research projects, provides research and educational opportunities for graduate students, and convenes leaders in the field for dialogue on global practices concerning sustainable development and construction.

- Analysis of cultural contexts and historic patterns of land use
- Heritage conservation master planning and urban design
- Research on cultural assets, historic sites, and world heritage
- Documentation and condition assessment of heritage assets
- Consultation on heritage conservation practices or treatments
- Adaptive use of existing buildings as a “green” endeavor
- Assessment of building maintainability and durability
- Financial analysis of real estate investment and heritage tourism
- Analysis of new technologies applied to specific cultural contexts

# Researchers

## recently involved faculty & staff

**David Baenziger**

Senior Business Development Specialist, IED

**Dr. Saadet Beeson**

Assistant Professor, Architecture, CACP

**Dr. Kimberly Bilica**

iCLASS Faculty Researcher, Academy for Teacher Excellence, COEHD

**Dr. David Bojanic**

Anheuser-Busch Foundation Professor of Tourism, COB

**Prof. Ian Caine**

Assistant Professor, Architecture, CACP

**Dr. Sedef Doganer**

Associate Professor, Architecture, CACP

**Prof. William Dupont**

San Antonio Conservation Society Endowed Professor, CAPD, and Director of CCS

**Christina Frasier**

Lecturer, Writing Core Program, University College

**Dr. Jerry Gonzales**

Assistant Professor, History, COLFA

**Dr. Sarah Gould**

Lead Curatorial Researcher, ITC

**Dr. Suat Gunhan**

Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Undergraduate Studies, CACP

**Dr. David Johnson**

Professor Emeritus, History, COLFA

**Dr. Azza Kamal**

Assistant Professor of Research, CACP

**James R. Lewis**

Senior Lecturer, Architecture, CACP

**Dr. Angela Lombardi**

Assistant Professor, Architecture and Historic Preservation, CACP

**Dr. Randall Manteufel**

Associate Professor, Engineering, COE

**Dr. Raymond Mauldin**

Assistant Director, CAR

**Dr. Alycia Maurer**

Senior Lecturer, Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching, COEHD

**Dr. John Morris**

Associate Professor, Political Science and Geography, COLFA

**Dr. Catherine Nolan-Ferrell**

Associate Professor, History, COLFA

**Sue Ann Pemberton-Haugh**

Senior Lecturer, Architecture and Historic Preservation, CACP

**Dr. Hazem Rashed-Ali**

Associate Professor, Architecture, CACP

**Dr. John Reynolds**

Professor, History, COLFA

**Dr. Francine Romero**

Associate Dean, COPP, and Associate Professor, Public Administration

**Dr. Harriett Romo**

Director of Mexico Center and Professor, Sociology, COLFA

**Leslie Root**

Marketing Associate, CCS

**Levi Sanciu**

Pflugger Architects

**Prof. John Phillip Santos**

University Distinguished Scholar in Mestizo Cultural Studies, Honors College

**Dr. Scott Sherer**

Associate Professor of Art History and Gallery Director, UTSA Art Gallery and Satellite Space, COLFA

**Dr. Thomas Thomson**

Quincy Lee Distinguished Professor of Real Estate and Finance, COB

**Dr. Steve Tomka**

Senior Archaeologist, Raba Kistner, Inc.

**Dr. Blake Weissling**

Assistant Professor of Research, Geology, COS

### Visiting researchers

**Curtis Bobsin**

Owner, C. Bobsin Organs

**Claudia Guerra**

Cultural Historian, City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

**Mark Tirpak**

University of Technology Sydney

**Dr. Anne Parmley Toxey**

Owner, Toxey/McMillan Design Associates

### Graduate assistants

**2014-15**

Kevin Bendtsen  
Dennise Castillo  
Sara Davenport  
Elsa G. De León  
Nancy Kambaliya  
Mary Minor  
Cristina Gonzalez Pope

# Current Sponsored Research Projects

in progress or under agreement  
before 31 August 2015

## State of San Antonio Heritage Resources

Project Sponsor: San Antonio  
Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Objective: Develop a report on the state of  
heritage resources, evaluate the health of  
these resources and effectively communi-  
cate the values of cultural heritage tourism.  
Amount Requested: \$29,979  
Amount Awarded: \$29,979

## NPS Historic Housing District Historic Structures Report—Bryce Canyon NP, Utah

Project Sponsor: National Park Service -  
Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem  
Studies Unit  
Objective: Complete a Historic Structures  
Report for Bryce Canyon National Park's  
NPS Old Housing Historic District, which is  
comprised of eight historic cabins listed on  
the National Register of Historic Places.  
Amount Requested: \$40,000  
Amount Awarded: \$40,000

## Energy Retrofits for Historic Homes in Hot-Humid Climates

Project Sponsor: US Dept. of the Interior-  
NPS, National Center for Preservation  
Technology & Training  
Objective: Second part of a research study  
to determine how homeowners of historic  
homes in hot humid climates can make their  
homes sustainable.  
Amount Requested: \$38,471  
Amount Awarded: \$38,500

## Lerma's Nite Club

Project Sponsor: Esperanza Peace and  
Justice Center  
Objective: Prepare a business feasibility  
plan to advise an initiative to restore and  
transform Lerma's Nite Club—the oldest  
live Conjunto music venue—into a cultural  
service site in San Antonio, Texas.  
Amount Awarded: \$10,000  
(honorarium)

## Finca Vigia—La Habana, Cuba

Project Sponsor: Finca Vigia Foundation  
and National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Objective: Lead a team of consulting  
experts in support of Cuban preservation  
work at Finca Vigia in Havana, Ernest  
Hemingway's home for the final 21 years of  
his life. Project work commenced in 2005  
and is ongoing.  
Ongoing: Travel reimbursement

## San Antonio Missions NHP Historic Structure Report

Project Sponsor: National Park Service  
Objective: Update and edit the 2006 draft,  
"Of Various Magnificence: The Architectural  
History of the Missions of San  
Antonio, Texas in the Colonial Period and  
the Nineteenth Century."  
Amount Requested: \$6,500  
Amount Awarded: \$6,500

# Recently Completed Research Projects

## Education Curriculum for the San Juan Spanish Colonial Demonstration Farm

Project Sponsor: National Park Service

Objective: Provided an education curriculum and lesson plans for grades 6-12 to educate students about Spanish Colonial lifeways. Lesson plans included: *Economic and Agricultural Life In Mission San Juan*; *Mission San Juan: Sustainability Then and Now*; and *Life In Mission San Juan: A Historical Literacy Approach*.

Amount Requested: \$20,600

Amount Awarded: \$20,600

## Standing Structure Survey of the Properties Fronting Travis Park

Project Sponsor: VIA Metropolitan Transit

Objective: Prepared a survey of seven structures around Travis Park which provides information on the character and quality of the structures per criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Amount Requested: \$3,500

Amount Awarded: \$3,498

## Teaching Cultural Heritage in Kurdistan, Iraq

Project Sponsor: World Monument Fund

Objective: Held training workshops for Iraqi professionals at the Iraqi Institute for the Conservation of Antiquities and Heritage (IICAH) on how to better safeguard their own cultural heritage.

Amount Requested: \$18,525

Amount Awarded: \$18,525

## KWEX/ Univision Panels

Project Sponsor: Greystar Real Estate

Objective: Facilitated meetings and prepared content for three commemorative panels to interpret historic significance of the former Univision Building.

Amount Requested: \$8,190

Amount Awarded: \$8,190

# Requests for Sponsored Research

## Bexar County National Heritage Area

Potential Project Sponsor: Bexar County, Texas

Objective: Production of a Feasibility Study for a National Heritage Area in the Bexar County and surrounding region of Texas, in collaboration with the National Park Service.

Amount Requested: \$ 100,000

## City of Austin, Texas—Historic Resources Survey

Potential Project Sponsor: Raba Kistner, Inc.

Objective: Collaboration on a Historic Resources Survey Report to locate, identify, and document all buildings, structures, sites, landscapes and objects built in or before 1970 within a designated area; research the historical context of the identified properties within the designated area; and provide the basis for the determination of the existence and probable boundaries of any potential historic districts.

Amount Requested: \$120,000

## Texas Military Department—Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity

Potential Project Sponsor: Braun Intertec

Objective: Design services for sustainment, repair and modernization at Texas Military Department's historic facilities.

Amount Requested: Indefinite

## Finca Vigia—La Habana, Cuba

Project Sponsor: The Christman Company

Objective: Research materials needed and prepare/provide product specifications for items to be used in the construction of the Taller building at the Museo Hemingway, Ernest Hemingway's Finca Vigia estate in Cuba.

Amount Requested: \$35,000

Amount Awarded: \$35,000

(Agreement signed after 31 August 2015)

## & past CCS research

- Documentation of Sacred Places on the West Side
- Documentation of the Acequia Systems in San Antonio
- The Alamo Infrared Analysis
- Fire Station No.11 Historic Structure Report
- Bauer Farmstead Historic Structure Report
- Miraflores Park Mitigation Project
- Economic Impact of the San Antonio Missions
- Preserving Green at 5200 Dauphine
- HemisFair Master Plan Preservation Component
- Remote Sensing Investigation at Pipe Spring National Monument
- San Pedro Creek Standing Structures Survey
- Traveling on Fredericksburg Road: 120 Years in 12 Miles



# Other Activities

## & our plans for the future

In September 2015, the Center for Cultural Sustainability presented its *newly created Hero of Heritage Conservation Award* to Susan Snow of the San Antonio Missions National Park. Susan was selected as a result of her leadership in San Antonio's 10-year quest to obtain UNESCO World Heritage Status for its five historic missions. Establishing this award is one of several endeavors the CCS is undertaking as part of *our vision for the next five years*. Included in that vision is a commitment to increasing knowledge of the Center from scholars, the community, media, professionals and students.

In pursuit of this goal, Center Director William Dupont in October began *servicing as an expert panelist* on a series of World Heritage symposia coordinated by San Antonio District 3 Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran. Similarly, Professor Dupont in November served as moderator for a UNESCO panel discussion

coordinated by the Alliance for San Antonio Missions.

In addition to community outreach, another of our goals is to select sponsored projects that engage scholars and students in support of the CCS Mission. To achieve this goal, we will continue our successful efforts both globally (projects such as Finca Vigia in Cuba and Erbil Citadel in Iraq) and here in San Antonio (projects such as Lerma's Nite Club and energy retrofits for historic homes).

As the Center takes on more projects, *our wish list for the coming years* includes expanding the physical size of our office, providing a reception area for visitors and centralizing the work stations used by our various graduate researchers. Doing so would help the Center improve our internal communication efforts and aid us as we contribute to the university's march toward Tier One status.

### Goals for 2016

- Further develop our currently nascent advisory council
- Pursue multiple multidisciplinary project proposals with budgets exceeding \$100,000 each
- Become a member of the Desert Southwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

### External entities we've advised

San Antonio City Council | Alliance for San Antonio Missions | San Antonio Conservation Society | National Parks Conservation Association  
San Antonio Missions National Historical Park | Archdiocese of San Antonio | San Antonio World Heritage Advisory Council  
U.S. Representative Will Hurd, TX 23rd | U.S. Representative Jim McGovern, MA 2nd

# Scholarship

## & events

### *Bridging Cultures: Reflections on the Cultural Heritage of the Borderlands (under contract)*

Authors: William A. Dupont and Harriett Romo, Ph.D.  
Sponsor: Texas A&M University Press, in progress

### *“Accelerating Cultural Heritage Tourism in San Antonio: A Community-Based Tourism Development Proposal for the Missions Historic District”*

#### *International Journal of Sustainable Development and Planning*

Authors: Dr. Sedef Doganer and William A. Dupont  
Sponsor: WIT Press

### *“Analyzing the retrofit potential of historic homes in hot-humid climates”*

Authors: Dr. Hazem Rashed-Ali, William A. Dupont, Dr. Randall Manteufel, Dr. Thomas Thomson, and Levi Sanciuic  
Paper presented: Chicago, IL: 2015 Architecture Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) Conference: Future of Architectural Research.

### *CACP Graduate Student Amanda Phelps winner of 2015 CCS Thesis Award*

Project Title: “Enlightened Urbanism”  
Sponsor: Center for Cultural Sustainability

### *“Energy Retrofit of Older Homes in Hot and Humid Climates.”*

#### *APT Bulletin: The Journal of Preservation Technology (in press)*

Authors: William A. Dupont, Dr. Hazem Rashed-Ali, Dr. Randall Manteufel, Dr. Thomas Thomson, & Levi Sanciuic  
Source: Mount Ida Press

### *Walter Eugene George and the Cultural Legacy of the Rio Grande*

Event: Exhibit & symposium at the Institute of Texan Cultures  
Sponsor: UTSA Center for Urban and Regional Planning Research, Center for Cultural Sustainability and the Institute for Economic Development

### *Save History for Our Future: “Why Historic Preservation Matters and What’s In It For You”*

Event: Panel discussion featuring William Dupont  
Sponsor: Trinity University and the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

### *Town Hall Meeting on Gentrification*

Event: Panel discussion featuring William Dupont  
Sponsor: The University of Texas at San Antonio and the San Antonio Express-News

### *Benefits of Cultural Heritage for Tourists and Locals*

Event: William Dupont featured speaker presentation  
Sponsor: Professional Tour Guide Association of San Antonio

### *Undermining Civilization: The Destruction of Cultural Heritage in Iraq*

Event: William Dupont, topic leader at *Great Conversation!*  
Sponsor: UTSA Honors College

### *Energy Retrofits*

Lecture: Professors Dupont, Rashed-Ali and Thomson, “Lower your energy bills with home improvements.”  
Sponsor: San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation  
Event: CCS booth at the annual Historic Homeowner Fair

### *Preserve America Youth Summit*

Event: William Dupont panelist at summit event for Texas youth learning about history, archaeology, heritage tourism, and preservation

# Director's Outreach & Marketing Efforts

- Met with members of Congress and public officials in Washington, DC, providing information about UNESCO World Heritage site recognition for the San Antonio Missions.
- Joined the annual meeting of the US Committee of the Blue Shield, in cooperation with the Office of the Under Secretary for History, Art and Culture, concerning the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property at the Smithsonian's Hirshorn Museum, September 2014.
- Attended the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Preservation Conference in Savannah, GA, November 2014.
- Featured speaker at International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) breakfast in Savannah, GA, November 2014.
- Attended annual gala of U.S. National Committee of the International Council of Monuments and Sites featuring UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova speaking on World Heritage issues in Washington DC, December 2014.
- Participated in U.S. National Commission to UNESCO's Annual Meeting and met with the US Ambassador to UNESCO, Crystal Nix Hines, at the US State Department in Washington, DC, December 2014.
- Led a two-day instructional trip to Marfa, Texas, with design studio class in collaboration with The Chinati Foundation, March 2015.
- Met with new director of UTSA's Center for Archaeological Resources, Dr. Paul Shawn Marceaux, to discuss future collaborations, June 2015.
- Ongoing work and communication with UTSA development office for private donor opportunities, including featured speaker at CACP fundraiser event, April 2015.



# Checklist

## items required by Deans Research Council

1. Identify undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral researchers contributing to the ORU's research activities. Page 5

2. Provide names of faculty involved in the ORU's research activities. Page 5

3. Provide the extent of student and faculty participation from other universities/organizations.

Not applicable

4. Provide the numbers, titles, and FTEs of professional, technical, administrative, and clerical personnel employed by the ORU.

**Prof. William Dupont**

San Antonio Conservation Society Endowed Professor, CAPD  
Director, CCS  
FTE, 30%

**Leslie Root**

Marketing Associate, CCS  
FTE, 60%

5. Provide a list of publications issued during the previous year by the ORU including books, journal articles, and reports, (showing the author, title, and publication source). Page 10

6. A list of awards and expenditures from ALL sources. Appendix A

Center for Cultural Sustainability			
	2012	2013	2014
Research Expenditures	\$ 51,938.00	\$ 69,806.00	\$ 42,136.00
Non-Research Expenditures	\$ 7,281.00	\$ 25,918.00	\$ 59,057.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 59,219.00	\$ 95,724.00	\$ 101,193.00

(Numbers provided by Noe Saldaña, Office of Research Support)

7. Provide a description of intellectual property and/or licensing agreements made through the Office of Commercialization and Innovation. Not applicable

8. Provide a list of departments, colleges, institutes, centers or external collaborators. Pages 5 & 9

9. Provide any other information deemed relevant to the evaluation of the ORU's effectiveness, including an updated five-year projection of plans and resource requirements where feasible. Page 9

10. List the top three goals/objectives for the coming year. Page 9

# CCS in the news

## UTSA.TODAY

[UTSA, city team evaluates tourism potential of San Antonio heritage resources](#)  
[UTSA architecture professors study economic, cultural effects of S.A. Missions](#)  
[UTSA architecture faculty help rebuild Iraq's cultural heritage](#)  
[UTSA architecture researcher to evaluate energy efficiency of historic homes](#)  
[UTSA and S.A. Express-News host town hall meeting on gentrification Feb. 10](#)  
[UTSA Center for Cultural Sustainability announces Amanda Phelps as the 2015 Thesis Award winner](#)  
[UTSA research supports K-12 instruction at San Juan Mission](#)  
[UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures: Cultural legacy of Rio Grande](#)  
[UTSA to host March 19 talk by World Monuments Fund executive](#)



[Gentrification Could Damage SA Missions World Heritage Bid](#)  
[The Human Toll Of Gentrification](#)



[Esperanza makes the case to save Lerma's](#)

## San Antonio Express-News

[From the missions to the Mideast: UTSA professor teaching historical preservation in Kurdistan](#)  
[Town hall on gentrification](#)  
[Forum takes on gentrification in San Antonio](#)  
[From tree branches to food bank](#)

## The Washington Times

[Bid to restore blighted property raises concerns](#)



[UTSA researcher awarded \\$38K+ to evaluate energy efficiency options for historic homes](#)

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# Appendix A

## complete list of revenue sources

Project Sponsor	Sponsor's Program	Project Name	Application or Request Submitted	Request	Status	Awarded
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center	Esperanza Peace and Justice Center	Lerma's Nite Club	Apr-15	\$10,000.00	Approved	\$10,000.00
CPCESU	National Park Service, Bryce Canyon	Historic Housing District Historic Structures Report	May-15	\$40,000.00	Approved	\$40,000.00
Finca Vigia Foundation	Finca Vigia Foundation	Finca Vigia - La Habana, Cuba	Jun-15	\$40,000.00	Pending	-
Jon Wampler	Private Donor	Private Donor	NA	\$10,000.00	NA	\$10,000.00
CPCESU	National Park Service	SAAN Park Historic Structure Report Finalization.	May-15	\$6,500.00	Approved	\$6,500.00
Chinati Foundation	Master Plan	Historic Preservation Planning	NA	NA	RFQ Nov '15	\$ -
City of Austin/ consulting to Raba Kistner, Inc.	East Austin	Historic Resource Survey	Jun-15	\$120,000.00	Declined	\$0
Bexar County	Historical	National Heritage Area Feasibility Study	Jul-15	\$100,000	Deferred	\$0
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				<b>\$326,500.00</b>		<b>\$66,500.00</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>						
UTSA VPR	F&A	F&A Pool Distributions				\$8,195.77
SA Cons Soc	Endowment	SA Cons. Soc. Professorship				\$7,861.00
UTSA President	Discretionary Fund	Havana Research	April '15			\$10,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						<b>\$92,556.77</b>