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Craig Johnson, professor emeritus in Utah State University’s Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning (LAEP), was selected as one of five in his field to be inducted into the academy of fellows by the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA).

CELA is composed of higher learning programs in landscape architecture in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The council is known internationally for its focus on the content and quality of professional education in landscape architecture.

Johnson spent countless hours enriching the education of his students and working on ecological restoration projects throughout his career at USU. Sean E. Michael, LAEP department head, said Johnson has had an enormous impact on the department and the landscape architecture profession.

“Waterfowl, winter and Utah all remind us of Craig Johnson and his passion for the wild things, whether on wings and hooves and fins, whether pursued with fly rod or protected through wise land planning,” Michael said. “Moreover, they remind us that one of the greats in ecological planning and wildlife conservation will be recognized by CELA with a place among its Academy of Fellows.”

Johnson will be formally inducted as a fellow at this year’s CELA conference March 23-26, in Salt Lake City. USU Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning hosts the conference.

“Though retired now in Minnesota, Craig continues to touch lives through his design work and during his sojourns back to Logan,” Michael said. “His upcoming induction as CELA Fellow means his career will be honored at the CELA Conference. This is a fine tribute to Craig’s 40 plus-year legacy at Utah State, and one we are honored to be a part of.”

Johnson has been honored with emeritus faculty status by USU and currently serves on several master of landscape architecture student thesis committees.

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