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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA PRESERVATION STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AWARD

Tucson, Ariz. — Drew Gorski and Mike Lovato, graduate students from The University of Arizona's Preservation Studies Program, were awarded the prestigious Award of Excellence in Resource Stewardship for the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service (note attached photo). Preservation Studies is an interdisciplinary graduate program based in the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (CALA) at The University of Arizona.

The award recognizes the publication of guidelines to aid the Park Service in the restoration, rehabilitation and preservation efforts pertaining to historic properties and landscape features within Petrified Forest National Park, Ariz. The Park consists of two sections: Rainbow Forest, composed of 1930s "Park Service Rustic" buildings; and Painted Desert, modern "Mission 66" designs by noted architect Richard Neutra.

Amanda Zeman, Petrified Forest's historic architect at the time of the project, said that the guidelines "set a new standard of research as well as the organization and presentation of preservation treatment information for all the Park's constituencies."

R. Brooks Jeffery, CALA's Associate Dean and Preservation Studies Coordinator, believed the project exemplified the objectives of the Preservation Studies Program.

"It's an integration of architecture and landscape architecture, the significance and preservation of modern and historic cultural resources, and CALA's strong relationship with institutional partners, such as the National Park Service."

This project was funded through the National Park Service's Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit (CESU) whose purpose is to integrate the cultural resource needs of National Park Service with the technical expertise available from universities, such as The University of Arizona.

Additional information regarding Preservation Studies may be accessed at <http://cala.arizona.edu/preservation>. For more information, contact R. Brooks Jeffery at (520) 621-2991 or rjeffer@u.arizona.edu.

The University of Arizona's College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (CALA) has a long tradition of preparing students for the challenges of professional practice. The College's foundation of excellence has been fashioned from its respect for the characteristics of place and its involvement with communities. The Sonoran setting of the University offers CALA students and faculty inspiration and guidance in the study of delicate and unique environments worldwide. In the spirit of experimentation and inquiry, students, faculty and the community collectively learn, discover and benefit. For

more information about CALA, please e-mail cala@u.arizona.edu or phone (520) 621-6751.

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A National Distinction. Graduate students in the UA's Preservation Studies Program, based in the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (CALA), were awarded the prestigious 2006 Award of Excellence in Resource Stewardship for the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service (NPS). From left to right: Karen Beppler-Dorn, NPS; Mike Lovato, '06 BArch/MArch; R. Brooks Jeffery, Preservation Studies Coordinator and CALA Associate Dean; Drew Gorski, '05 BArch, '06 MArch/MLA; and Amanda Zeman, NPS.