

## ***AIA/LA Urban Design Committee***

**May 27 2009 7PM - Parks without Borders: A Roundtable Discussion**

**Location: AIA Los Angeles**

**3780 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 800**

**Los Angeles, CA 90010**

Corner of Wilshire and Western, parking available at the Ralphs parking structure  
Across from LA Metro Wilshire and Western subway stop, LA Rapid Bus stop

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### **Roundtable Panelists:**

**Claire Bowin, AICP, L.A. City Department of Planning**  
**Sue Gorney, City Of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (invited)**

**Melody Kanschat, Vice President, LACMA**  
**Stephanie Landregan, Director, Landscape Architecture Program, UCLA extension**  
**Woody Smeck, District Park Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains NRA**  
**Christopher Spisak, Architect, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation**

**Katherine Spitz, Principal, Katherine Spitz Associates Landscape Architecture**  
**Sean Woods, Superintendent, Los Angeles Sector, California State Parks**

**Moderated by Deborah Richmond, Principal, Touraine Richmond Architects and Stephanie Reich, Urban Designer, City of Glendale**

**The topic of the AIA/LA Urban Design Committee May Roundtable will be *parks without borders* which can be discussed in terms of inter-agency coordination on the one hand, and the visitors' experience of connections between parks on the other. Roundtable participants will include staff and officials from City, County and State Parks as well as architects and landscape architects. The discussion will focus on crossing borders, literally and metaphorically, both from the visitors perspective and from the park agency's perspective. These connections can be literal, such as geographic overlapping of park entities or transit and trails connections, or they can be more metaphorical.**

A goal of the discussion is to reveal challenges to collaboration as well as successes, and how breaking down borders can benefit the design and building process for the entire community. This discussion has been conceived and organized by Deborah Richmond, Principal of Touraine Richmond Architects, who will lead a similar discussion at Mobius LA/Dwell Design conference in June.

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