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buildings and settings, alone, do not make place," he said in a talk Dec. 13 at the annual meeting of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments in Oxford, UK. "People, in their interaction with the natural and built environment, make place."

Heath draws attention to a small group of architecture and urban design professionals who in recent years have begun to challenge the practice of designing modern structures that simply strive to produce mirages of the past. The emerging field is called "situated regionalism."

"This is a design-and-planning approach that considers the current human and environmental situation," Heath said in an interview before his talk. "We look at the regional filter -- the collective forces that shape place."

Heath's approach to the field will be more fully detailed in his upcoming book "Vernacular Architecture and Regional Design: Cultural Process and Environmental Response." His talk -- during the session "Regeneration and Tradition" chaired by UO architecture colleague Mark Gillem -- aimed to define vernacular architecture as a way to explores both current and past uses and needs of populations living in a particular place to better understand regional dynamics.

Also speaking in the session was UO architecture professor Howard Davis, who focused on the relationship between craftsmanship and the possibility of contemporary production drawing upon traditional building practice with modern methods. His material, from a graduate seminar, also will be part of a book, currently titled "Post-Industrial Craftsmanship in Buildings and Cities."

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The revised law prohibits smoking within 10 feet of entrances or exits to buildings, windows that open, and ventilation intakes of workplaces or public places.

"University policy already prohibits smoking within 10 feet of building entrances," said Stephanie Franklin, assistant director of human resources and chair of the campus smoke-free task force. "We want to remind the university community that there's been a change in state law."

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"With our country in one of the most severe recessions in decades, we need a large infusion of government spending to stimulate the economy and dampen the effects of its rapid contraction on families, businesses and communities. It is critical

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that Congress act now to prevent a prolonged recession by focusing on spending that can employ workers and businesses quickly," said Moseley.

Moseley's testimony focused on the restoration and stewardship of our nation's forests, grasslands and rivers; sustainable wood-based energy development; and the greening of federal facilities. According to Moseley, funding these activities offers significant opportunities to stimulate the economy in the short term by providing jobs, particularly in isolated, rural public lands communities that are likely to be hit particularly hard by this deep recession.

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and Evolutionary Biology, was among 26 recipients, chosen from 250 applicants, from U.S. institutions by the non-profit, Bethesda, Md.-based foundation. The organization provides philanthropy for basic research by established scientists in the biological sciences whose work contributes to understanding lifespan development processes and age-related diseases and disabilities.

Phillips is known for his emerging work on the study of the genetic basis of variation in aging, stress and longevity within natural populations. He studies nematodes, soil-dwelling worms that allow scientists to probe mutations in set of genes that can triple ordinary lifespan.

"The freedom and resources needed to generate basic genetic tools would not be possible without support from the Ellison Medical Foundation," Phillips said. "We are laying the basic genetic groundwork that will take nematode work out of the lab and into nature to understand ecological and evolutionary forces that determine genetic differences in aging among individuals."

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New fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold-and-blue rosette pin at the AAAS Fellows Forum on Feb. 14 during the 2009 AAAS Annual Meeting in Chicago. This year's fellows, who also include four other scientists from Oregon institutions, were announced in the Dec. 19 issue of the journal Science. The tradition of AAAS Fellows began in 1874.

The non-profit AAAS is the world's largest general scientific society, and publisher of the journal Science The organization was founded in 1848, and includes 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals.

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Sponsored by the UO Libraries, the annual competition honors undergraduates whose research projects and papers in upper-division courses achieve the highest quality. This year, funds are available for two awards of \$1,000 each and two of \$500 each. A faculty sponsor is required for all students entering the competition.

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The deadline for applications is Jan. 31, so students should be alerted to this opportunity immediately. Complete information on the submission process is available at http://libweb.uoregon.edu/general/libaward.html.

The papers of last year's award winners were classes taught by UO faculty members Kevin Hatfield, Glenn May and Peggy Pascoe.

The 2009 Undergraduate Research Award program is made possible by the Jon and Lisa Stine Endowment and the Milton C. and Barbara B. Sparks Endowment.

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firstyear.uoregon.edu/ or call 541-346-1136.

Proposals will be accepted through Jan. 12.

FIG instructors teach a one-credit College
Connections seminar during fall term to 25 students
who are co-enrolled in two lecture classes. The
seminar is intended to explore related themes
between the two classes and to connect freshmen to
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and academic, are encouraged. Past activities include
an archaeological dig on the Oregon coast, visits to
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Tickets for the concert are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors.

Other events at the School of Music and Dance:

Concerto-Aria Competition Concert

Sunday, Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Beall Concert Hall

\$5 general admission

Some of the UO's top student musicians compete to perform in the school's annual spring Concerto Concert. Selections will include solo music for violin, voice, horn, oboe, marimba, piano, bassoon and cello.

Aaron Shragge, guest artist: trumpet and shakuhachi

Monday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m.

Collier House, 13th Avenue & University Street \$10 general admission; \$8 students and seniors Performing Japanese and North Indian classical music; the Shakuhachi (bamboo flute) was played by monks. The music was used as a meditative practice called Sui Zen, and dates back almost a thousand years. North Indian Classical music is one of the oldest musical traditions on the planet.

The Frohnmayer Music Building and Beall Concert Hall are located at 961 E. 18th Ave. Tickets are available at the door, unless otherwise noted.

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