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### Cal Poly Pomona Names Interim Dean for College of Environmental Design

POMONA, Calif. — August 14, 2008 — Kyle D. Brown, director of the John T. Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies and professor of Landscape Architecture, has been appointed interim dean of Cal Poly Pomona's College of Environmental Design.

A leading expert in the integration of environmental sustainability and social justice, Brown has served as the director of the Lyle Center since 2004. He is also the co-chair of the President's Climate Task Force, whose goal is to achieve climate neutrality on campus.

"I am honored by the confidence of my faculty colleagues and the university leadership," said Brown. "These are important times for the entire environmental design community, and I look forward to collaborating with everyone on the issues that enhance our ability to support our students."

Brown came to Cal Poly Pomona in 1998 as an assistant professor in the Landscape Architecture department. During his tenure, he has led research efforts in sustainable shelter design and serves as principal investigator of Habitat 21, which develops, implements and evaluates sustainable settlement strategies in disenfranchised communities in developing nations. In addition, he advises numerous student-driven landscape planning and design projects that engage local communities and propose visionary yet practical solutions.

"This will be a great fit for the College of Environmental Design," said interim provost Herman Lujan. "Kyle has proven himself at the Lyle Center, and that experience should segue well into the interim dean's position."

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Brown replaces Karen Hanna, who recently stepped down after five years at the university to pursue education opportunities at home and abroad. Brown earned a doctorate in Regional Planning and a master's degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. For his bachelor's degree, he studied Landscape Architecture in the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota. He has spoken on and written articles about environmental sustainability, social justice, regenerative landscapes and ecological planning.

A national search process for a permanent dean is in the developmental stages. The formal charge should begin in the Fall Quarter with a successful candidate in place by September 1, 2009.

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