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ANNENBERG SPACE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY'S IRIS NIGHTS LECTURE TO  
FEATURE FOUNDERS OF WOODBURY UNIVERSITY'S ARID LANDS INSTITUTE

***Hadley and Peter Arnold to Explore Creative Ways That Experimental Geospatial  
Modeling Tools May Help Communities Adapt to Climate Extremes***

LOS ANGELES (April 9, 2015) -- Hadley and Peter Arnold, founding co-directors of the Arid Lands Institute, affiliated with [Woodbury University](http://www.woodbury.edu)'s School of Architecture, will present a lecture titled "Divining Los Angeles: Adaptation by Design" on Thursday, April 16, as part of the Annenberg Space for Photography's Iris Nights Lecture series.

**Who:** Hadley and Peter Arnold  
Founding co-directors, Arid Lands Institute (<http://aridlands.org>)  
Woodbury University

**What:** Iris Nights Lecture  
*Divining Los Angeles: Adaptation by Design*

**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 16, 2015  
6:20 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Location:** Annenberg Space for Photography  
Skylight Studios  
10050 Constellation Blvd.  
Los Angeles 90067

**Tickets:** Admission is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Register [online](#) beginning April 8.

Using landscape photography from across the West and experimental geospatial modeling tools for metropolitan Los Angeles, the Arnolds will explore promising possibilities of how humans can adapt to climate extremes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The Arnolds are founding co-directors of the Arid Lands Institute (ALI), a research, outreach and education center at Woodbury University devoted to design of the built environment in dry lands. Its mission is to advance design innovation at the nexus of water, energy and climate preparation, bringing together design, science, policy and the arts to envision a robust and vibrant future in Los Angeles and the West, and serving as a model for drylands globally. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) College of Fellows recently awarded its \$100,000 Latrobe Prize to ALI for its Drylands Resilience Initiative for the development and testing of a proprietary design tool that will enable arid communities to design and build the infrastructure needed to capture, retain and distribute stormwater runoff. In 2014, the Arnolds received an Acknowledgement Prize from the Holcim Foundation for *Divining LA*, a digital tool for urban design and water-use planning in Los Angeles. In 2013, the AIA|Los Angeles recognized ALI's commitment to the public good with its Presidential Honor Award for Community Contribution.

### **About Woodbury University**

Founded in 1884, Woodbury University is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in Southern California. Woodbury offers bachelor's degrees from the School of Architecture, School of Business, School of Media, Culture & Design, and College of Transdisciplinarity, along with a Master of Arts (MA) in Media for Social Justice, Master of Architecture (MArch), Master of Interior Architecture (MIA), Master of Science in Architecture (MSArch), and Master of Leadership. The San Diego campus offers Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degrees, as well as an MSArch degree with concentrations in Real Estate Development and Landscape + Urbanism. Woodbury ranks 15<sup>th</sup> among the nation's "25 Colleges That Add the Most Value," according to *Money Magazine*. Visit [www.woodbury.edu](http://www.woodbury.edu) for more information.

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