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### **David Kamp lectures at South China University of Technology**

New York, New York - May 10, 2017 - The South China University of Technology (SCUT China) will host a lecture series on “The Design of Healing Spaces” from May 23 - 25, 2017. Professor Emeritus Reuben Rainey from the University of Virginia (UVA) and Visiting Professor David Kamp, a UVA alumnus and President of Dirtworks Landscape Architecture, PC in New York, USA, were invited to give a series of lectures on design and health.

The 3-day course will focus on the design principles of a wide range of architectural and landscape architectural spaces that foster health in its social, psychological, and physical dimensions. Case studies will highlight a variety of project types in north America, including healthcare gardens and buildings, communities for older adults, public parks, plazas, and educational institutions. Significant projects from notable architectural firms will also be featured. The three-day course will also include a schematic design exercise of a healing garden in a medical facility to engage architecture and landscape architecture undergraduate students.

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### **About South China University of Technology (SCUT)**

SCUT is one of China's 43 key universities under the direct leadership of the China State Ministry of Education and is widely recognized as one of the most creative and influential universities in China. This reputation has its basis in the University's historical commitment to innovative courses, cross-disciplinary teaching and research, and flexible and high responses to society needs.

### **About Reuben Rainey, FASLA**

Reuben M. Rainey, Ph.D., is William Stone Weedon Professor Emeritus in the School of Architecture, where he has taught for 37 years. His present courses focus on the design of various types of healthcare facilities. A former Co-Director of the School of Architecture's Center for Design and Health, he has engaged in a number of research projects centering on the design of patient-centered medical facilities and healthy neighborhoods and cities. His publications cover a wide range of topics, including 19th and 20th century urban parks and the work of 20th-century American landscape architects. His co-authored book on the garden of the Harlem Renaissance poet Anne Spencer received an honor award from the American Society of Landscape Architects. A documentary filmmaker as well, he co-produced the PBS series GardenStory, depicting the way gardens improve the lives of individuals and their communities. A recipient of five teaching awards, he is also a member of the Council of Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He has recently co-authored Architecture as Medicine, a critique of the design features of an innovative cancer hospital at the University of Florida, Gainesville. His current research focuses on the use of art in

healthcare facilities to reduce stress and the design of spaces for worship and meditation in acute care hospitals.

### **About David Kamp, FASLA, LF, NA**

David Kamp, FASLA, LF, NA, is the president of Dirtworks, PC, Landscape Architecture. Kamp's career has focused on advancing the effectiveness of design and nature to influence individual, public and environmental health. A frequent guest lecturer, he has been recognized with numerous awards, including an honorary fellowship at University College Falmouth, UK, for his contributions to the landscape architecture profession. David has been featured in several national and international documentaries, including GardenStory, broadcast on PBS. David Kamp is a '96 Loeb Fellow in Advanced Environmental Studies at Harvard University. A Fellow at the MacDowell Colony, he has also been elected as a National Academician of the National Academy, joining an illustrious group of America's most influential artists and architects. In recognition of this pioneering work and excellence in design, David was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects in 2007. A highly regarded thought leader, David currently serves on the Advisory Council of the Academy for Neuroscience for Architecture (ANFArch), a not for profit organization promoting neuroscience and architecture research.