Project Title: Genius Loci: The Spirit of Place  
Investigator: Beverley Penn  
Department: Art & Design  

Project Summary:  
The stated goal of the proposal, to create a site-specific sculptural installation titled Genius Loci: Villa, was successfully accomplished. The PI created the sculpture from thousands of individual plant specimens that were cast into bronze with the assistance of 3 students using a unique method developed for this project. The bronze elements were permanently assembled into a matrix according to specific design strategies that underlie the architectural plans of the museum building for which the work was created. The artwork is a geographic portrait that hybridizes the essential qualities of both the architecture and the landscape of the Laguna Gloria site. It is currently installed at Austin Museum of Art.  

Publications:  
Exhibition Catalog  

Presentations:  
1.) Professional Public Presentation, Austin Museum of Art, January 2008  
2.) Guided Docent Tour, Austin Museum of Art, March 2008  
3.) Professional Public Presentation, Southwest School of Art and Craft, San Antonio, TX, July 2008  
4.) Presidential Seminar, Texas State University, San Marcos, Spring 2009  

External Grant Applied  
1.) Co-funding Grant, Austin Museum of Art, Austin, Texas, $1,500.  
2. Commission Grant, The Austonian, Austin, Texas, $20,000 (pending).  

Student Number: 3