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## Education

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Ph.D. in Environmental Planning, University of California, Berkeley, 2000.

Masters of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 1992.

Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1988.

## Professional Development

HERS Women in Higher Education Institute, Bryn Mawr, 2017.

Big 10 Academic Alliance (formerly Committee on Institutional Cooperation) Department Executive Officers Seminar, Chicago, 2013.

Academic Leadership Program, Rutgers University, quarterly meetings, 2013 to 2018.

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## Academic Leadership Experience

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Interim Executive Dean of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS) and Interim Executive Director of the Rutgers University Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES), Rutgers University, July 1, 2020 to present.

- Provides leadership and oversight of School and Experiment Station
- Serves on Council of Deans, Rutgers New Brunswick
- Serves on University President's Administrative Council

Dean of Academic Programs, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey, July 2018 to June 2020.

- Responsible for all undergraduate and graduate programs and advising, budget, and general administration for the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences.
  - Oversight of 12 academic departments, with 21 undergraduate programs and 12 graduate programs
  - School serves approximately 3200 undergraduates, 420 graduates, 326 full-time faculty
- Coordination with other academic offices at Rutgers New Brunswick, including Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Office of Admissions, Office of Provost, and Office of Chancellor, and leadership of Rutgers New Brunswick's 17 schools.

- Since 2015, member of the SEBS Executive Leadership Team to advise the Executive Dean. The ELT oversees the academic, research, advancement, and administrative functions of the School and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Serves as decanal review for promotion and tenure.

Recharging the Youth in Agriculture Initiative Leadership Team, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, 2013 to present.

- Supported by Stavros Niarchos Foundation: \$2,122,000 initial research sectoral studies, \$120,852 Greek emergency food aid study; \$27,477,000 implementation of RTY New Agriculture for a New Generation Initiative. See <https://greece.rutgers.edu/>.
- Lead researcher for Greek emergency food aid system study that included interdisciplinary research team from Rutgers, Agricultural University of Athens, American Farm School, and various food aid experts.

Dean of Agriculture and Urban Programs, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, 2015 to June 2018.

- Responsible for expansion of urban engagement through new programs and coordination of academic community-based research and teaching with activities of New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Upon departure from position, this role transitioned into the Office of Urban Extension and Outreach within Rutgers Cooperative Extension.
- Specific activities included:
  - Established the Campus as Living Lab Initiative to demonstrate model environmental practices on campus. Activities included revitalizing student farm, establishing community-university agricultural incubator and community garden, design and installation of green infrastructure, and student engagement in care of campus demonstration projects.
  - Established New Jersey Youth Institute of World Food Prize program, 2016 to present.
  - Director of Rutgers Gardens, a 50-acre public garden with a strong educational mission.

Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, 2010–2017.

- Expansion of department, including increasing faculty by 100%, \$2 million building renovation, growth in majors, and increased diversity in students.
- Establishment and accreditation of new graduate program.
- Established Alumni Advisory Committee.
- Completion of two endowments for student scholarships.
- *Design Intelligence*: 4th in East Coast undergraduate programs in 2014 and 2015, and 18th in the top 20 undergraduate programs nationwide, 2016.

Director, East St. Louis Action Research Project, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2008–2010.

- Facilitated interdisciplinary team of faculty, staff, and students in community-based, participatory action research.
- Management of staff on campus and in East St. Louis.
- Administration of 2-day fieldtrips/workdays in East St. Louis, bringing approximately 100 students annually.
- Development of orientation course and 3-credit action research course.

- Expansion of engagement model São Tomé and Príncipe, an African island nation, 2009-2010.

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## Positions Held

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2010-present	Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
2008-2010	Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
2002-2008	Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
2000-2002	Assistant Professor, School of Landscape Architecture, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.
1993-1998	Berkeley Youth Alternatives, Berkeley, California, BYA Garden Patch Coordinator and Youth Employment Landscape Program Coordinator, 1993-1995, advisor 1995-1998.
1990-1998	Community Development by Design, Berkeley, California, Designer / Planner, part time.
1990-1994	Hood Design, Oakland, California, part time.

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## Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

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Great Places 2018 Book Award for *Design as Democracy: Techniques for Collective Creativity*, co-authored by David de la Peña, Diane Jones Allen, Randolph T. Hester Jr., Jeffrey Hou, Laura Lawson, and Marcia McNally.

*Design Intelligence* Thirty Most Admired Educators for 2015.

Great Places 2010 Book Award for *Greening Cities, Growing Communities: Learning from Seattle's Urban Community Gardens*, co-authored by Jeffrey Hou, Julie M. Johnson, and Laura Lawson.

University of Illinois College of Fine and Applied Arts, Faculty Award for Excellence in Service, 2009-2010.

Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society Faculty Fellow, University of Illinois, 2006-7. Received for "Democracy in Place / Place-Making in Action: Re-Visioning the Neighborhood Public Landscape in Urban Communities."

Arnold O. Beckman Research Award, University of Illinois, 2004-05. Received for "An Analysis of Parks and Open Space in East St. Louis, Illinois."

American Institute of Architects Education Honor Award, 2004. Received for "Envisioning the Future in the South End Neighborhood," a plan produced by the East St. Louis Neighborhood Design Workshop, 2002-03. Award given to teaching team, including Lynne Dearborn (Architecture) and Stacy Harwood (Urban and Regional Planning).

Outstanding Teacher Award, School of Landscape Architecture, Louisiana State University, 2001.

Humanities Diversity Dissertation Fellow, Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley, 1999-2000.

Junior Fellow in Studies in Landscape Architecture, Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University, 1998-1999.

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## Publications

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### Books

De La Pena, David, Diane Jones Allen, Randy Hester, Jeffrey Hou, Laura Lawson, and Marcia McNally, editors. *Design as Democracy: Techniques for Collective Creativity*. Island Press, 2017. (authors contributed equally)

Hou, Jeff, Julie M. Johnson, and Laura J. Lawson. *Urban Community Gardens: Greening the City and Growing Communities in Seattle*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2009. (authors contributed equally)

Lawson, Laura. *City Bountiful: A Century of Community Gardening in America*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005.

Eckbo, Garrett, with Chip Sullivan, Walter Hood, and Laura Lawson. *People in a Landscape*. Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 1998. (Eckbo as primary author, with assistance from others)

### Chapters in Books

Lawson, Laura and Meredith Taylor. "From Patchwork to Network: How Urban Agriculture is Reframing New Jersey as the Urban State." *Urban Landscapes in High Density Cities: Parks, Streetscapes, Ecosystems*. Edited by Puay Yok Tan and Bianca Rinaldi. Basel: Birkhäuser, 2019.

Lawson, Laura and Meredith Taylor. "The Urban Changes Everything About Agriculture." *The Culture of Cultivation: Designing with Agriculture*. Edited by Raffaella Giannetto Fabiani. Routledge Press, in press, expected 2021.

Lawson, Laura. Missing the Gardener: Commentary on Robert Frances' "Designing Urban Agricultural Forms: History, Education, Proposals and Projects." *Integrated Urban Agriculture: Precedents, Practices, Prospects*. Edited by Robert France, Karen Landman, and Luc Mougeot. Oxfordshire: Green Frigate Books, 2016.

Lawson, Laura, Luke Drake, and Nurgul Fitzgerald. "Foregrounding Community-building in Community Food Security: A Case Study of the New Brunswick Community Farmers Market and Esperanza Garden." *City of Farmers: Problems, Possibilities and Processes of Producing Food in Cities*. Edited by Julie Dawson and Alfonso Morales. University of Iowa Press, 2016. Pages 140-158.

Lawson, Laura and Luke Drake. "From Beets in the Bronx to Chard in Chicago: The Discourse and Practice of Growing Food in the American City." *Food and the City: Histories of Culture and Cultivation*. Edited by Dorothée Imbert. Washington, D.C. Dumbarton Oaks, 2015. pp. 143-161.

- Lawson, Laura and Abbilyn Miller. "Urban Gardens as Antithesis to Abandonment – But for How Long? Exploring a Citizen-Land Model." *Remaking the City After Abandonment*. Edited by Margaret Dewar and June Manning Thomas. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013. Pages 17-40.
- Lawson, Laura. "Feeding the Roots and Sending Out Shoots: Reminiscences of a "Second-Generation Berkeley Social Factors, Engaged Landscape Architect Academic." *Landscape at Berkeley: The First 100 Years*. Waverly Lowell, Elizabeth Byrne, and Carrie L. McCade, Editors. Regents of the University of California and the College of Environmental Design, 2013.
- Lawson, Laura. "When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Get Gardening: The American Victory Garden Campaign of World War II." *Greening the Red Zone: Vulnerability, Resilience, and Community Greening*. Edited by Keith G. Tidball and Marianne E. Krasny. Amsterdam: Springer Press, 2014. Pages 181-196.
- Lawson, Laura. Women and the Civic Garden Campaigns of the Progressive Era: "A Woman Has a Feeling About Dirt Which Men Only Pretend to Have..." *A Century of Women*. Edited by Linda Jewell and Louise Mazingo. Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland Publishers, 2012. Pages 55-68.
- Lawson, Laura, Lisa Spanierman, V. Paul Poteat, Amanda Beer. "Is it Professional or Personal? Engagement, Race, and Reflection in the East St. Louis Community-based Design Studio." *Service-Learning in Design and Planning: Educating at the Boundaries*. Edited by Tom Angotti, Cheryl Doble, and Paula Horrihan. Oakland: New Village, 2011. Pages 70-85.
- Lawson, Laura, Lisa Spanierman, V. Paul Poteat, and Amanda Beer. "Best Place for Best Practice? The Challenge of Multicultural Learning in a Community-based Design Studio." *Implementing Diversity: Contemporary Challenges and Best Practices in Predominantly White Institutions*. Edited by Helen Neville, Margaret Hunt Browne and Jorge Chapa. Urbana, Illinois: Center for Democracy in a Multiracial Society, 2011. Pages 205-224.
- Lawson, Laura. "Cultural Geographies in Practice. The South Central Farm: Dilemmas in Practicing the Public." *Taking Food Public: Redefining Foodways in a Changing World*. Edited by Psyche Williams-Forsen and Carole Counihan. New York: Routledge Press, 2011. Pages 88-93. Reprint.
- Lawson, Laura and Janni Sorensen. "When Overwhelming Needs Meets Underwhelming Prospects: Sustaining Community Open Space Activism in East St. Louis." *Insurgent Public Space*. Edited by Jeff Hou. Oxon, UK: Routledge: 2010. Pages 255-266.
- Lawson, Laura. "The Precarious Nature of Semi-Public Space: Community Garden Appeal, Complacency, and Implications for Sustaining User-Initiated Places" *Public Space in America: Representation, Contestation, Obliteration*. Edited by Jeffrey L. Meikle and Miles Orvell. Amsterdam: Rodopi Press, 2009. Pages 199-218.
- Lawson, Laura. "Linking Youth Training and Employment with Community Building," *Democratic Design in the Pacific Rim: Japan, Taiwan, and the United States*. Edited by Randolph T. Hester and Corrina Kweskin. Mendocino, California: Ridge Time Press, 1999. Pages 80-91.
- Lawson, Laura. "Urban Gardens Past and Present: Community Development Model or Minefield?" *Democratic Design in the Pacific Rim 1999*. Edited by Tamesuke Nagahashi, Sanae Sugita, Naoki Kimura. Japan: Tadasu Shobo, 1999. Pages 114-129.

### Articles in Refereed Journals

- Lawson, Laura. "Sowing the City." *Nature* 540 (22/29 December 2016): 522-524.
- Drake, Luke, Beth Ravit, and Laura J. Lawson. "Developing a Vacant Land Inventory through Productive Partnerships: A University, NGO, and Municipal Planning Collaboration in Trenton, New Jersey." *Cities and the Environment* 8, 2 (article 6) (2016).
- Drake, Luke, Beth Ravit, Iana Dikidjieva, and Laura J. Lawson. "Urban Greening Supported by GIS: From Data Collection to Policy Implementation." *AIMS Environmental Science* 2, 4 (2015): 910-934.
- Drake, Luke and Laura Lawson. "Best Practices in Community Garden Management to Address Participation, Water Access, and Outreach," *Journal of Extension* 53, 6 (December 2015).
- Drake, Luke and Laura Lawson. "Results of a U.S. and Canada Community Garden Survey: Shared Challenges in Garden Management Amid Diverse Geographical and Organizational Contexts." *Agriculture and Human Values* 23, 2 (2015): 241-254.
- Houshmand, Sara, Lisa B. Spanierman, Amanda M. Beer, V. Paul Poteat, and Laura Lawson. "The Impact of a Service-Leaning Design Course on White Students' Racial Attitudes." *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement* 18, 2 (2014): 19-48.
- Drake, Luke and Laura Lawson. "Validating Verdancy or Vacancy? The Relationship of Community Gardens and Vacant Lands in the U.S." *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning* 40: 133-142.
- Sorensen, Janni and Lawson, Laura. "Evolution in Partnership- Lessons from the East St. Louis Action Research Project." *Action Research Journal* 10, 2 (2012): 150-169.
- Lawson, Laura. "The South Central Farm: The Dilemma of Practicing the Public." *Cultural Geographies* 14, 4 (2007): 611-616.
- Lawson, Laura. "Parks as Mirrors of Community: Design Discourse and Community Hope for Parks in East St. Louis." *Landscape Journal* 26, 1 (Spring 2007): 116-33.
- Lawson, Laura. "Dialogue through Design: The East St. Louis Neighborhood Design Workshop and South End Neighborhood Plan." *Landscape Journal* 24, 2 (Fall 2005): 157-171.
- Edwards, Mary and Laura Lawson. "The Evolution of Planning in East St. Louis." *Journal of Planning History* 4, 4 (November 2005): 356-382.
- Lawson, Laura. "The Planner in the Garden: A Historical View of the Relationship of Planning to Community Garden Programs." *Journal of Planning History* 3, 2 (May 2004): 151-176.
- Lawson, Laura and Marcia McNally. "Putting Teens at the Center: Maximizing Public Utility of Urban Open Space through Youth Involvement in Planning and Employment," *Children's Environment* 12, 2 (June 1995): 209-221.
- Lawson, Laura. "A Garden Grows a Community," *Places* 9, 3 (Fall 1994): 47.

### Articles in Non-refereed or General Journals

- Lawson, Laura and Luke Drake. "Community Gardening Organization Survey 2011-12." *Community Greening Review* 18 (July 2013): 20-41.

- Lawson, Laura. "We Want the Best for Our Children: The Persistence of Children's School Gardens." *The National Gardener* 84: 1 (Winter): 40-44.
- Helphand, Ben and Laura Lawson. "The Culture of Food and Community Gardens." *Site Lines* 6, 2 (Spring 2011): 6-9.
- Lawson, Laura and Jane Tigan. "Designing for the Long Haul: Approaches to Address Mutual Benefit in the East St. Louis Action Research Project." *Batture* 6 (2011): 54-67.
- Lawson, Laura. "The Street as Avenue for Community Expression: Courtland Avenue and Courtland Creek Park," *Architecture California* 2 (Fall 2000): 16-19.
- Lawson, Laura. "Gardens in the San Francisco Bay Area as Urban Landscape," *Hungernotes*, vol. 18, no. 2 (Fall 1992): 17-20, 22.

### **Published Conference Proceedings**

- Lawson, Laura. "Social, Economic and Design Potential for Urban Agriculture," *Proceedings of the American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting*. Los Angeles, California (October 1996): 41-45.
- Hester, Randy and Laura Lawson. "A City Clean Enough to be Healthy and Dirty Enough to be Happy." *Proceedings of Eco-City 2 Conference*, Adelaide, Australia (April 1992).

### **Reviews**

- Lawson, Laura. Review of Restorative Commons: Creating Health and Well-being through Urban Landscapes, edited by Lindsay Campbell and Anne Wiesen (Newton Square, PA: USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station, 2009 and revised 2011). *Ecological Restoration*, September 2012.
- Lawson, Laura. Review of From Yard to Garden: The Domestication of America's Home Grounds, by Christopher Grampp (University of Chicago Press, 2008). *Winthurfur Portfolio*, Fall 2011.
- Lawson, Laura. Review of Public and Private Spaces of the City, by Ali Madanipour (London: Routledge, 2003). *Journal of the American Planning Association* 70, 2 (Spring 2004): 234-5.
- Lawson, Laura. Review of Building San Francisco's Parks, 1850-1930, by Terence Young (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins, 2004). *Journal of the American Planning Association* (Winter 2005): 112.
- Lawson, Laura. Review of Pioneers of American Landscape Design, by Charles A. Birnbaum and Robin Karson (New York, McGraw-Hill, 2000). *Studies in the History of Gardens and Designed Landscapes* 22, 2 (April-June 2002): 155-158.

### **Other Publications**

- Lawson, Laura, Virginia Quick, Meredith Taylor, Maria Kapsokafalou, Kotsios Panagiotis, Salome Rao, Ethan Schoolman. Food Aid and the Emergency Food System in Greece. Report to the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, January 13, 2017.

### **Video and Websites**

- Cultivating Justice: African American Values and Experiences in Rural and Urban Agriculture, 2018 – present.

- Led by Laura Lawson and Will Atwater, Cultivating Justice is an in-depth, collaborative website to share stories of African Americans' relationships with agriculture and seeks to support a network engaged in building new models for land access, agricultural education, and advocacy to sustain rural and urban agriculture.
- Initial concept developed in ESRI Storymap format (<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=2412db41dacc41f6bdd198d0ee3afa8c>) and currently in development through collaboration with MediaStorm.

Production of promotional and educational videos for Office of Agriculture and Urban Programs, in collaboration with William Atwater, videographer and documentary film maker (<http://agriurban.rutgers.edu/>):

- New Jersey Urban Agriculture Profiles, 2017.
- What is Urban Agriculture video, 2016.
- New Jersey Youth Institute of World Food Prize, 2016, 2015.
- Rutgers Student Farm video, 2016.

Production of multiple promotional and educational videos highlight student and departmental activities, in partnership with William Atwater, videographer and documentary film maker (<http://landarch.rutgers.edu/Archived.html>):

- Design-Build Studio at Student Farm, 2016.
- Parking Day 2015, 2014.
- Rutgers Gardens Central Park Internship, 2014.
- Rebuilding for Resiliency studios, Fall 2013.
- St. Croix Studios, 2013, 2015.

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## Conference Presentations, Lectures, Demonstrations

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### Keynote or Plenary Addresses

- 2018 “Green is a Color... So What is Greening?” Keynote Speaker. Green Cities Conference, Princeton University, September 27-28, 2018.
- 2018 “Returning to Basics: Community + Gardening.” Keynote Speaker. American Community Gardening Association 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 13-16, 2018.
- 2016 “Sustenance in the Sustainable City: Urban Agriculture and the Role the Landscape Architect Can Play.” Keynote Speaker. International Federation of Landscape Architects, Turin, Italy, April 20-22, 2016.
- 2009 “Community Gardening: Consistency, Diversity, and Sustainability.” Keynote Speaker. American Community Gardening Association 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Columbus, Ohio, August 7, 2009.
- 2006 “The City Bountiful.” Keynote Speaker. *14<sup>th</sup> Annual GreenNet Green and Growing Fair*, Garfield Park, Chicago, April 29, 2006.
- 2005 “Celebrating the City Bountiful.” Keynote Speaker. *South Eastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces, Inc. (SEEDS) Annual Dinner*, September 10, 2005.

2005 “Community Gardens: Means or Ends?” Keynote Speaker. *American Community Gardening Association Annual Conference*, Minneapolis and Saint Paul, August 11-14, 2005.

## Invited Addresses

- 2017 “Urban Changes Everything About Agriculture.” The Culture of Cultivation: Designing with Agriculture Conference, University of Pennsylvania School of Design, November 17-18, 2017.
- 2015 “Look Around the Room, Remember, and Come Back.” Baccalaureate Address. School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. May 15, 2015.
- 2014 “Gardener, Gardening, and Garden: Considerations of Participation and Program in the Sustained Community Garden.” Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 9, 2014.
- 2014 “Hope Verging on Exhaustion: East St. Louis and Civic Activism: Civic Engagement and the University.” Urban Natures, Center for Cultural Analysis Symposium, Rutgers University, February 14, 2014.
- 2013 “It's Not Just About Food: The Multiple Roles of Urban Community Gardens.” Growing in Place Symposium, Natural Learning Initiative, College of Design, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, February 1, 2013.
- 2013 “Gardens that 'Do': A Historical and Contemporary Study of Community Gardens,” U.S. Botanic Garden, Washington D.C., March 8, 2013.
- 2012 “Quantifying, Qualifying, and Justifying Growing Food in the American City: Discourse and Practice.” Food and the City: 2012 Garden and Landscape Studies Symposium, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C., May 4-5.
- 2012 “Educating for Multicultural Learning: Revelations from the East St. Louis Design Studio,” Service-Learning in Design and Planning: Educating at the Boundaries Book Release Presentation, Hunter College, March 26, 2012.
- 2012 “Community Gardens.” University of Oregon Department of Landscape Architecture Winter Lecture Series, Eugene, Oregon, January 19, 2012.
- 2012 “The Community Garden and the Landscape Architect.” New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting and Expo, Atlantic City, New Jersey, January 29-31, 2012.
- 2011 “Growing Community Gardens.” Department of Landscape Architecture Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts, October 27, 2011.
- 2011 “Urban Gardening,” Bountiful Yards: Innovation for Small-Plot Food Production, CUNY Institute for Sustainable Cities, Hunter College, New York, May 17, 2011.
- 2011 “From a Seductive Idea to a Sustainable Project: Community Greening in Depopulated Cities.” Regenerative Urbanism: Cities after Depopulation, Columbia University, April 11, 2011.
- 2011 “Making Sense of Community Gardens.” Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, February 9, 2011.
- 2010 “Urban Gardens as Antithesis to Abandonment – But for How Long? Exploring a Citizen-Land Model,” Invited Presentation at Remaking the Abandoned City Symposium, University of Michigan, June 24-25, 2010.
- 2010 “Chicago’s Community Gardens.” Invited presentation to the Chicago Community Garden Sustainability Summit, Chicago, March 25-26, 2010.

- 2009 “City Bountiful: Supporting Urban Agriculture through Design,” Invited Lecture, AIA San Francisco Architecture and the City Festival / Studio for Urban Projects, San Francisco, CA, Sept. 11, 2009.
- 2009 “Mindful of Mutual Benefits: Service Learning and Civic Engagement,” Invited Lecture, Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities, Iowa State University, October 1, 2009.
- 2009 “Community Gardens as Means or End.” Invited Lecture, Center for Urban Environmental Research and Education, University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus, February 2, 2009.
- 2008 Lawson, Laura, Lisa Spanierman, V. Paul Poteat, Amanda Beer. “Best Place for Best Practice? Engagement, Race, and the Challenge of Multicultural Learning in a Community-based Design Studio. Invited paper and presentation for the Race, Diversity, and Campus Climate Conference, Center on Democracy in a Multicultural Society, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April 10, 2008.
- 2004 “Ideas to Reality: Planning Partnerships with Prince George’s County, We’re Engaged: University of Maryland, College Park, and Prince George’s County.” Invited Speaker, College Park, Maryland, May 15, 2004.
- 2004 “Layered Constructions of Race: Environmental Justice, the Neighborhood Landscape, and Community Design in the South End of East St. Louis.” Invited lecture. *Constructing Race: The Built Environment, Minoritization, and Racism in the United States*. Sponsored by the Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society, University of Illinois, March 5-6, 2004.
- 2002 “A woman has a feeling about dirt which men only pretend to have...” Invited lecture. *Women and the Civic Garden Campaigns of the Progressive Era. A Century of Women: Evaluating Gender in Landscape Architecture*. University of California, Berkeley, November 7-9, 2002.
- 2000 “Not Just Food and Flowers: Urban Garden Programs in the United States, 1890s to Present.” Invited lecture, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Davis, April 2000.
- 1996 “Putting Teens at the Center.” Invited lecture, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Davis, October 1996.

### **Academic and Professional Papers, Abstracts, Lectures, and Panels Since 2012**

- 2019 Panel Chair, “Environmental Humanities: Texts and Design in an Age of Planetary Crisis, New Horizons for Research in the Humanities and the Arts.” Spring Forum for New Horizons for Research in the Humanities and Arts, Rutgers University, March 29, 2019.
- 2019 “Mowed Over: Community Governance of Public Space.” Maintainers III, Washington DC, October 7-9, 2019.
- 2019 “Deepening Design Activism through Preparation, Practice, and Proof.” Panelist, EDRA Intensive, Environmental Design Research Association, Brooklyn, NY, May 22, 2019.
- 2018 Lawson, Laura and Richard Alomar. “Design as Democracy.” Department of Landscape Architecture Common Lecture Series, Rutgers University, Feb. 28, 2018.
- 2017 “Urban Parks.” Presentation to Hunan Polytechnic University Training Program, Rutgers University, Sept. 27, 2017.

- 2015 Moderator on Panel, “Ag in the City with Karen Washington and Mary Seaton Corboy,” Garden Cities: Urban Agriculture in the Garden State Conference, Paul Robeson Campus Center, Newark, March 13, 2015.
- 2015 “Together We Design: Participatory Methods Panel.” Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Manhattan, Kansas, March 28-30, 2015.
- 2015 “The Crucian Provision Ground: From Enforced Self-Reliance to New Models of Culturally Grounded Sustainable Practice.” Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Manhattan, Kansas, March 28-30, 2015.
- 2015 Spirn, Anne and Laura Lawson. “Long-term, Place-Based, Action Research: Lessons from WPLP and ESLARP.” Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Manhattan, Kansas, March 24-28, 2015.
- 2015 “Video that Says a Thousand Words! The Capacity for Video in Community-Based Research and Teaching.” Environmental Design and Research Association, Los Angeles, May 28-30, 2015.
- 2014 Moderator on Panel, “Identifying Opportunities and Facilitating Transformations: Creating Oases in All Our New Yorks.” Tishman Environmental Design Center at the New School and 596 Acres, New York, April 22-23, 2014.
- 2014 “Layers of Purpose / Layers of Support: Results from the 2012 National Community Gardening Survey.” Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Baltimore, MD, March 26-29, 2014
- 2013 “Complexity and Completeness: Landscape Architecture at Rutgers,” Landscape Architecture: Re-Envisioning Curriculum and Practice for 21st Century Eco-systems, NYC USFS Urban Field Station Seminar, January 25, 2013.
- 2013 Moderator on Panel, “Urban Agriculture: Strengthening Local Food Networks.” Feeding Cities: Food Security in a Rapidly Urbanizing World, University of Pennsylvania, March 13-15, 2013.
- 2012 “Urban Agriculture and Urban Gardening.” Architecture Boston Expo, Boston, November 14, 2012.
- 2012 “City Bountiful: Community Gardens, Urban Agriculture and City Parks.” Greater and Greener: Re-Imagining Parks for the 21st Century, New York, July 14-17, 2012.
- 2012 “What Garden Organizers Say: Results from the 2011 American Community Gardening Survey.” Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, August 5-10, 2012.
- 2012 Lawson, Laura and Luke Drake. “When the Going Gets Tough, Do the Tough Get Gardening? Themes in Community Gardening Advocacy in the 19th and 20th Centuries.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, February 28, 2012.

### **Selected Public or General Presentations, Lectures, Demonstrations Since 2012**

- 2019 “Green Enough to be Healthy, Green to be Happy: Enabling Green Living by Design.” Health Summit, Academic Affairs, Rutgers University, June 3, 2019.
- 2018 “Urban Agriculture in New Jersey.” New Jersey State Agricultural Convention, February 7-8, 2018.

- 2017 “An Assessment of Urban Agriculture in New Jersey.” Urban Agriculture Symposium, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Justice Advisory Council, Oct. 18, 2017.
- 2016 Public Talk and Panel Discussion with Author Kim Stanley Robinson on book, *New York 2140*. Rutgers University, April 5, 2017.
- 2016 “Rutgers Master Plan,” SEBS Student Governing Council, December 7, 2016.
- 2016 “Garden, Gardener, Gardening: Different Perspectives to Consider in Community Garden Sustainability,” 2016 Community Garden Conference, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, March 5, 2016.
- 2016 “Home, School, and Community Gardens: Past and Present.” Keynote at 4th Annual Home-School-Community Gardening Conference, Union County, New Jersey, February 27, 2016.
- 2016 Lawson, Laura with Meredith Taylor and Arianna Lindberg, “Forging Forward with Urban and Organic Agriculture at Rutgers,” Northeast Organic Farmers Association New Jersey Annual Conference, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ. January 30, 2016.
- 2014 “From Urban to Suburban and Everything In-between: Lessons Learned from the Diversity of Community Gardens in the Garden State.” American Community Gardening Association Conference, Chicago, IL, August 7-10, 2014.
- 2014 “Community and School Gardens.” New Jersey Master Gardener Conference, Milltown, NJ, July 9, 2014.
- 2014 “A Community of Gardeners” Panel Discussion. New Brunswick Community Food Alliance and Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, March 13, 2014.
- 2014 “Community Gardening Panel.” Northeast Organic Farmers Association Winter Conference, January 26, 2014.
- 2013 Authors Panel, *City after Abandonment*. University of Pennsylvania, November 11, 2013.
- 2012 Lawson, Laura and Luke Drake. “Results from the 2011 ACGA Rutgers Survey of Community Gardens.” American Community Garden Association Conference, San Francisco, August 2012
- 2012 “Community Gardens and Urban Agriculture.” Garden Club of Madison, May 21, 2012.

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## Funding

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### Externally-Funded Research and Grants

- 2017 - 2020 (Grant Amount: \$27,477,000) New Agriculture for a New Generation (Implementation Phase). Funded by Stavros Niarchos Foundation. Robert Goodman (PI), Leadership team: Robert M. Goodman (Executive Dean), Mukund Karwe (Dean of International Programs), and Laura Lawson (Dean of Agriculture and Urban Programs; Dean of Academic Programs).
- 2017 – 2018 (Grant Amount: \$5,000) Cultivating Justice: African American Values and Experiences in Urban and Rural Agriculture. Funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Laura Lawson (PI) and William Atwater (film-maker).
- 2016 (Grant Amount: \$120,852) Feasibility Study: An Analysis of the Food Aid / Food Security System in Greece. Funded by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. Laura Lawson (Research Director), Virginia Quick, Salome Rao, Ethan Schoolman, Meredith Taylor.
- 2015-2016 (Grant Amount: \$2,121,937) New Agriculture for a New Generation: Recharging Greek Youth to Revitalize the Agriculture and Food Sector of the Greek Economy. Funded by Stavros Niarchos Foundation., Ken Karamichael (Project Director), leadership team: Robert Goodman, Larry Katz, Laura Lawson.
- 2014-2014 (Grant Amount: \$24,850) Integrating Re-Use of Abandoned Properties for Healthy Food Options in Trenton, New Jersey. Isles, Inc., Laura Lawson (PI), Beth Ravit, and Luke Drake.
- 2009-2010 (Grant Amount: \$2,500) Support for research on urban garden programs, SEED Fund.
- 2005-2006 (Grant Amount: \$6,650) Urban Community Gardens: Place Making for Healthy, Active and Sustainable Living. Landscape Architecture Foundation Land and Community Design Case Study Series. Co-PIs Jeff Hou, Julie Johnson, and Laura Lawson.
- 1995-1997 (Grant Amount: \$19,000) National Endowment for the Arts Individual Grant, “Creative Income Opportunities for Youth in the Public Landscape.”

### Internally-Funded Research and/or Training Grants

- 2015-2015 (Grant Amount: \$5,000) Interpreting and Commemorating the Transatlantic Slave Trade in St. Croix: Partnership between National Park Service and Rutgers Landscape Architecture. New Jersey Global Connections Grant, Rutgers Center for Global Advancement and International Affairs. Co-PIs Holly Nelson, Anita Bakshi, and Laura Lawson.
- 2013-2014 (Grant Amount: \$18,000) Building Gardens and Capacity with the Community Gardening Movement in New Brunswick. Rutgers Community-University Research Partnership Grant, 2013-14. Co-PIs: Laura Lawson and Paul Helms.

- 2009-2010 (Grant Amount: \$9,500) Participatory Design to Revitalize Public Space in Sao Tome. Graduate School of Library and Information Science Community Informatics Initiative Seed Fund, University of Illinois.
- 2009-2010 (Grant Amount: \$6,000) Participatory Design to Revitalize Public Space in Sao Tome. Wadsworth Endowment Grant, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2008-2009 (Grant Amount: \$6,837) Community Activism and Park Transformations: Chicago's Garfield Park Neighborhood. The College of Fine and Applied Arts Creative Research Award, University of Illinois.
- 2006-2008 (Grant Amount: \$12,800) Wadsworth Endowment Grant, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, Mapping the African American Downtowns of Champaign and Urbana: A Summer Internship Program for Local Youth. Co-PIs Laura Lawson, Stacy Harwood, and Dianne Harris.
- 2005-2006 (Grant Amount: \$4,100) LA 336/438: Community-Based Open Design for East St. Louis. Community-Based Learning Grant, Office of The Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement and Institutional Relations, University of Illinois.
- 2004-2005 (Grant Amount: \$9,471) An Analysis of Parks and Open Space in East St. Louis, Illinois. Campus Research Board, University of Illinois.
- 2004-2005 (Grant Amount: \$9,488) Community-Based Open Space Design. Community-Based Learning Grant, Office of The Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement and Institutional Relations, University of Illinois.
- 2002-2003 (Grant Amount: \$1,500) East St. Louis Action Research Project (ESLARP) Faculty Fellowship, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- 2001-2001 (Grant Amount: \$5,000) Faculty Summer Research Stipend, Louisiana State University.
- 2001-2001 (Grant Amount: \$1,000) Service-Learning Incentive Award, Louisiana State University.

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## Teaching Activities

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### Courses Taught

Portals to Academic Study Success- PASS (11:015:113), Rutgers University, Spring 2019. This course serves students in academic warning.

Academic Mentoring (11:015:112), Rutgers University, Fall 2018. This course serves first-generation college students.

Social and Cultural Aspects of Design (11:550:301), graduate and undergraduate, Rutgers University, Spring 2014, 2016, 2017; Co-taught with Holly Nelson 2018, 2019, 2020.

Environmental Design Analysis (11:550:230), undergraduate, Rutgers University, Fall 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015; co-taught with Beth Ravit 2016, 2017; taught independently as hybrid course 2019.

Professional Practice (11:550:435), graduate and undergraduate, Rutgers University, Spring 2013.

St. Croix Studio: Telling Community Stories through Landscape Design, Co-taught with Holly Nelson (11:550:332CD, 11:550:432CD; 16:550:536CD), graduate and undergraduate, Spring 2013.

Landscape History 2: 1850s to Present (16:550:552), graduate, Rutgers University, Fall 2012.

Research Methods (16:550:582), graduate, Rutgers University, Spring 2012.

Introduction to Environmental Design Studio (11:550:232), undergraduate, Rutgers University, Spring 2011

Community-Based Open Space Design in Sao Tome (LA 336/438), graduate and undergraduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2010.

Community and Residential Design Studio (LA 335, previously LA 235), graduate and undergraduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2009

East St. Louis Neighborhood Design Studio / Community-Based Design in East St. Louis (LA 336/438, previously 236/338), graduate and undergraduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2009

LA 599 (499): Thesis Preparation Seminar (LA 599, previously LA 499), graduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2004-2006, 2008-2010.

Directed Research (LA 590), graduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2005-2010.

Landscape Planning and Design / Design and Behavior Studio (LA 537/565), graduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2008.

Theory and Practice of Landscape Architecture (LA 501), graduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2006.

The Urban Public Landscape (LA 587), graduate and undergraduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2005.

Chicago Interdisciplinary Environmental Design Studio (LA 134), graduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2004

Social and Cultural Issues in Design (LA 370), graduate and undergraduate, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2002.

History of American Landscape Architecture (LA 7142), graduate, Louisiana State University, Fall 2001, 2002.

Site Planning and Community Design (LA 5153), graduate, Louisiana State University, Fall 2001.

Research Methods (LA 5190), graduate, Louisiana State University, Fall 2001.

Capstone / Independent Studio Project (LA 4252), undergraduate, Louisiana State University, Spring 2001.

Issues and Ideas in Landscape Architecture: A Reading Seminar (LA 7398), graduate, Louisiana State University, Spring 2001.

Thesis Preparation (LA 8000), graduate, Louisiana State University, Spring 2001.

Advanced Landscape Design Studio: Urban Design (LA 7352), graduate, Louisiana State University, Fall 2000.

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## Students Supervised

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### Master's or Doctoral Students by Type of Supervision

#### Doctoral - Primary

- 2012 Miller, Abbilyn. Chair of Ph.D. Dissertation “Determining Critical Factors in Community-Level Planning of Homeless Service Projects.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2009 Lee, Sungkyung. Chair of Ph.D. dissertation “Narrated Landscape: Revisioning Place Theory in Contemporary Everyday Urban Landscape.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.

#### Doctoral - Committee

- Current White, Ellen O. “The Ecological Effects of Federal Clear Zone Design Guidelines in the United States.” Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, under direction of Dr. Bob Noland, expected 2022.
- 2020 Vardi-Topal, Hanife. “Sitting in the City: Pedestrian Plazas in New York City.” Urban Studies, NJIT-Rutgers, under direction of Karen Franck
- 2018 Jones, Jonathan. “Local Food Enterprises in Post-Industrial Cities: Governance, Economic Development, and Reuse of Underutilized Land in Newark, New Jersey, and Dayton, Ohio.” Urban Studies, NJIT-Rutgers, under direction of Karen Franck, expected 2018.
- 2015 Drake, Luke. “The Dynamics of an Expanding Community Economy: Community Garden Networks and Clusters in New Jersey.” Geography, Rutgers University, under direction of Kevin St. Martin.
- 2014 Williams, Douglas A. “Fertile Ground: Community Gardens in a Low-Income Inner-City Chicago Neighborhood and the Development of Social Capital Among African Americans.” University of Illinois, under direction of William Sullivan.
- 2014 Campbell, Lindsay. “City of Forests, City of Farms: Constructing Nature in New York City.” Geography, Rutgers University, under direction of Robert W. Lake.

#### Master's - Primary

- 2020 Fallon-Senechal, Ellen. “Capital City Farm: The Next Steps Towards Community-based Neighborhood Making.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2019 Peng, Bo. “The Manifestation of Culture on Public Space: The Social and Cultural Impacts on Place-making in American Chinatowns.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2017 Bergstrom, Jeremiah. “Extension into New Jersey's Urban Core.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2017 Collins, Meghan. “A Children’s Garden for the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2015 Burkhalter, Jennifer. “Community-based Design with a Particular Focus on the Inclusion of Individuals with Autism.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.

- 2015 Vardi-Topal, Hanife. Chair of MLA thesis, “Turkish Community Gardening.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2014 DeVries, Arianna. Chair of MLA thesis, “Suburban Dirt: A rowing Element in New Jersey's Community Gardening Trend.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2013 Taranto, James. Chair of MLA Graduate project entitled, “Connecting Rutgers Gardens to Cook Campus.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 2011 James, Shawn. MLA Thesis “Spirituality and the Local food Movement: The Affinity of Pluralistic Gardening Stewardship.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2010 Giannetti, Gina. Chair of MLA thesis “Arboretum Design and Programming: Integrating Research, Education, and Community at the University of Illinois Arboretum.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2010 Zhou, Xucan. Chair of MLA thesis “Optimizing the Outdoor Environments for Young Children: Re-envisioning the Child Development Laboratories at UIUC.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2010 Shing, Kent. Chair of MLA thesis “Constructing a Conceptual Framework of Meanings in Landscape Architecture – Redesign of Tsim Sha Tsui East Waterfront in Hong Kong.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2009 Harre, Bethany. Chair of MLA thesis “The Pedestrian Experience in Residential Communities: Learning from Woonerfs: The Case in Champaign.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2007 Hamilton, Emily. Chair of MLA thesis “More than Just a Wetland: A New Design Vocabulary for Civic Space in East St. Louis.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2006 Jeong Yoon Park, Masters of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois. “Revitalization of Lincoln Park in the South End, East St. Louis.”
- 2003 Fyle, Paul. “The Role of Participation in Greenway Development.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2003.
- 2001 Pecquet, Amy. “Signs Sense: Exploring Signs in Urban Placemaking.” Louisiana State University, 2001.
- 2001 Wise, Cristin. “An Exploration of Sunlight as a Design Element in the Landscape.” Louisiana State University, 2001.
- 2001 Melcher, Katherine. “Everyday Acts and Urban Design: The Development of a Design Process Inspired by Theories of Everyday Life.” Louisiana State University, 2001.

#### Master's - Committee

- 2018 Williams, Kari. “Life in Car Land: Freeing Space for People on U.S. Route 1.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2018 Hoopes, Mark. “Design to Connect: Complete Connectivity in the Ironbound.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2018 Tryba, Kimberly. Palimpsest: The Cultural Landscape of Camp Kilmer on Livingston Campus.” Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.

- 2017 Dahringer, Donna. "Optimizing Ecological Function, Agricultural Productivity, and Aesthetic Value on a Small Site in New Jersey's Urban Fringe." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2017 Young, Thomas. "Isotopes in the Garden: A Narrative of the Atomic Age and Its Legacy in the Global Landscape." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 2016 Pontius-Courtney, Tekla. "The Construction of Sea and Desert: Representation of the Salton Sea." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2014 Op't Hof, Andrew. Committee member for MLA thesis, "Slab City." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers.
- 2013 Hanrahan, David. Committee member for MLA thesis "Hybrid Territory: The Shaping of Public Space at Rutgers Gardens." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 2013 Nuccio, Kimberly. Committee member of MLA graduate project "Connecting People to Place: Application of Landscape Architecture Principles to Transform Public Waterway Access in Brielle, New Jersey." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 2013 Suh, Baewon. Committee member for MLA graduate project "Revitalization of Open Space of High-Rise Apartment Complex. Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 2013 Ortiz, Denisse. Committee member for MLA graduate project "Latino Urbanism: A Case Study of the Meaning and Use of Streets as Place in the Dominican Community of Washington Heights, NYC." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 2013 Jadhav, Mukta. Committee member for MLA graduate project "Snow Infrastructure." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 2010 St. Onge, David. Committee member for MLA thesis "Reprogramming Pittsburgh's Post Industrial Riverfront: An Open Space Vision for the South Side." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2009 Petri, Aaron. Committee member for MLA thesis "A Participatory Process for Evaluating Sustainable Agriculture at the Dudley Smith Farm." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2009 Garrett, Michael. Committee Member for MLA thesis "Design Investigations of the Lake Calumet Complex: Improving Water Quality to Regenerate Local, Industrial, Community, and Ecosystem Resources." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2009 Sajtar, Julie. Committee member for MLA thesis "The Bloomingdale Line: Emptiness and the Slow Horizon." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2009 Feng, Lee. Committee member for MLA thesis, University of Illinois.
- 2009 Weiss, Andrew. Committee member for MLA thesis. Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2007 Wang, Qiang. Committee member for MLA thesis "Pilsen's Bright Future: Sustainable Neighborhood Design." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2007 Wan, Tian Rui. Committee member for MLA thesis, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.

- 2007 George, Alex. Committee member for MLA thesis “Slices: A Journey through the Southern California Landscape.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2006 Kathleen McQuiggan, Kathleen. Committee member for MLA thesis “Shades of Green: Developing a LEED Rating System for Existing Sites.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2006 Wen Huang, Masters of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois.
- 2005 Rebecca Anne Kenwick, Masters of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Science, University of Illinois.
- 2002 Mandal, Sarmisha. “Conservation Plan for South Ridge, New Delhi, India.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2002.
- 2002 Davis, Brad. “Healing the Whole Person: A Post Occupancy Evaluation of the Rooftop Therapy Park at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee.” Louisiana State University. 2002.
- 2001 Schissel, Luke. “Legislation as a Design Framework for Discouraging Cemetery Abandonment.” Louisiana State University, 2001.
- 2001 Ponce, Lorena Beatriz. “Evolution of the Structure and Meaning of the Bandstand in the Plaza de Armas in Santiago, Chile.” Louisiana State University, 2001.

#### Doctoral Examiner

- 2009 Xu, Fang. Doctoral examiner, “Imagined Boundaries: Territorial Experiences in Shanghai’s High-rise Gated Communities.” School of Architecture, University of Illinois.

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## **Service**

### **Service to Rutgers University**

- Undergraduate Education Council, Rutgers University, 2018- present.
- Executive Leadership Team, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, 2015-present.
- RU Cares, Rutgers University, 2017 to present.
- Athletics Academic Oversight Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics, Rutgers University, 2017 to present.
- Rutgers Gardens Advisory Committee, 2015-present.
- Chair Council, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, 2010-2017.
- Presentation to New Deans and Chairs Orientation, Rutgers Academic Leadership Program, 2016 and 2017.
- Middle States Reaccreditation committee, Standard one, criteria 3, Rutgers University, 2017.
- Search Committee for Director of the Cultural Heritage and Preservation Studies Program, Rutgers University, 2015-16.
- Committee Chair, Non-Tenure Track Rank Criteria, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, 2014.

Honorary Degree Committee, Rutgers University, 2011, 2012, 2019.

### **Service to University of Illinois**

Illinois Leadership Civic Commitment Working Group, 2007-9, Co-Chair, 2008-9.

Task Force on Civic Commitment in the 21st Century, Office of the Chancellor, 2005-2009.

Chancellor's Design Advisory Committee, 2004-2009.

Environmental Council, 2005-2007.

East St. Louis Action Research Project (ESLARP) Campus Advisory Committee, 2002-2009.

Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, College of Fine and Applied Arts, 2008-9.

Academic Disciplinary Committee, 2004- 2009.

Head Search Committee, Department of Landscape Architecture, 2007-8.

Head Review Committee, Department of Landscape Architecture, 2006.

Dean Search Committee, Fine and Applied Arts, 2006.

Working Committee on Interdisciplinary Teaching, Spring 2004.

Lorado Taft Lecture Series Committee, 2002-2004.

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Program Committee, 2008 -2010.

Master of Landscape Architecture, Graduate Program Committee, 2002-2007.

CPLA-ACES Implementation Committee, 2007-8.

Departmental Advisory Committee, 2007-8.

Human Dimensions of Environmental Systems Faculty Member, 2003-2004.

### **Contributions to the Advancement of the Academic Profession**

External Review Panel for the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture,  
University of Maryland, April 17-19, 2017.

Review Committee for Community Food Security Project Grant Program, NIFA, USDA, 2011.

Juror, Environmental Design Research Association / Places Awards, 2010.

Co-Chair, Architecture and Landscape Sessions, American Collegiate Schools of Architecture  
Conference, March 18-21, 2004.

Reviews for Promotion and Tenure dossiers for faculty at other universities, approximately 5 per  
year, 44 to date.

Publication Peer-review, approximately 2-4 per year.

### **Service to Public Bodies**

New Jersey STAR Teach Ag Campaign Advisor, 2016-2018.

Ag in the City Advisory Board, 2013-15.

NJASLA Education Foundation, 2013-2016.