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## Education

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

Dissertation: *Urban Gardening Projects in the United States: Values, Resources, and Role in Community*, 2000. Randolph T. Hester, dissertation director.

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

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

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## Employment History

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### Positions Held

- 2010-ongoing 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.
- 1999-2000 Humanities Diversity Dissertation Fellow, Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1998-1999 Junior Fellow in Studies in Landscape Architecture, Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University.
- 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, Designer / Project Manager, part time and on-project basis.

### Titles or Assignments within Positions Held

- 2015-ongoing Dean of Agriculture and Urban Programs, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University.
- 2010-2017 Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 2011-ongoing Faculty Director, Rutgers Gardens.
- 2008-2010 Director, East St. Louis Action Research Project, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

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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, forthcoming (anticipated fall 2017).

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.

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.

### Chapters in Books or Monographs

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 Alfronso 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 Dorothee 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. Commentary - Missing the Gardener. In *Integrated Urban Agriculture: Precedents, Practices, Prospects*. Edited by Robert L. France. Oxfordshire: Green Frigate Books, 2016. Pp. 182-186.

Lawson, Laura. 2013. "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.

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 Horrigan. 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-Learning Design Course on White Students' Racial Attitudes." *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement* 18, 2 (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.

2002 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.

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## Conference Presentations, Lectures, Demonstrations

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### Keynote or Plenary Addresses

- 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

- 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.
- 2013 "Gardens that 'Do': A Historical and Contemporary Study of Community Gardens." U.S. Botanic Garden, Washington, D.C., March 5, 2013.

## Papers, Abstracts, and Lectures

- 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 "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.
- 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.
- 2011 "Very Local and Working on Sustainable, Agriculture," Local and Sustainable Agriculture Panel, Greening NJ Communities from the Ground Up, EPA-Rutgers Joint Conference, October 28, 2011.
- 2011 Lawson, Laura and Lynne Dearborn. "Heritage Through Service Learning: Translating an Action Research Approach to an International Context." Educating at the Boundaries: Community Matters Symposium, New York. April 29-31, 2011.
- 2010 "Community Gardens and Urban Sustainability." Urban Sustainable Food Systems Workshop, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, September 2010.
- 2010 "Gardens Sustaining Communities / Sustaining Community Gardens." Bloustein School of Urban Policy and Planning, Rutgers University, November 4, 2010.
- 2009 Lawson, Laura, Jeff Hou, and Julie Johnson. "Seattle's Community Gardens: Greening the City, Growing Community." American Society of Landscape Architects Conference, Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 18, 2009.
- 2009 "Evaluating Multicultural Learning in a Community-based Design Studio: Lessons from the East St. Louis Action Research Project." Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Tucson, AZ, January 14-17, 2009.
- 2008 "The East St. Louis Action Research Project." Guest Lecture, Civic Engagement, Public Scholarship and Community-based Design and Planning (LARCH 424), Pennsylvania State University, October 28, 2008.

- 2008 “Moving Beyond Academic Assumptions about Public Engagement: Addressing Racial, Cultural, and Class Differences between Academia and Community.” Organizer and participant in panel discussion. *Imagining America*, Los Angeles, October 2-4, 2008.
- 2008 “Parks, Playgrounds, Promenades, and Public Space,” Session Moderator, *International Planning History Conference*, Chicago, July 10-13, 2008.
- 2008 “Is it Professional or Personal? Engagement, Race, and Reflection in the East St. Louis Community-based Design Studio.” *Erasing Boundaries – Supporting Communities Symposium*, New York, April 4-5, 2008.
- 2006 “The Bountiful Urban Landscape.” Presentation to the Department of Landscape Architecture, North Carolina State University, March 17, 2006.
- 2006 “The Bountiful Urban Landscape.” Presentation to the Department of Natural Resource Sciences and Landscape Architecture, University of Maryland, February 8, 2006.
- 2005 Community-University Partnerships Invited Panel Session Chair, *Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture / Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Administrator’s Conference*, Baltimore, November 2-5, 2005.
- 2005 “Experiencing Culture-Experiencing Diversity: Experiential Learning in Environmental Design Research.” Intensive Session. *Environmental Design Research Association*, Vancouver, Canada, April 27-May 1, 2005.
- 2003 “If the Front Door is Blocked, Try the Window: Women’s Impact on the Public Landscape of the Early 20th Century Through Civic and School Garden Programs.” *Landscape at Lunch Presentation*. Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, November 2003.
- 2003 “Threshold Between East and West: East St. Louis.” *Tenth National Conference on Planning History (SACRPH)*, St. Louis, Missouri November 6-9, 2003. Presenters: Laura Lawson and Katie Tran.
- 2003 “Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Community-based Problem Solving: The East St. Louis Design Workshop.” Presentation to the *Cross-Campus Initiative for Promoting Family Resiliency*, University of Illinois, October 28, 2003. Presenters: Laura Lawson, Stacy Harwood, and Lynne Dearborn.
- 2003 “The East St. Louis Neighborhood Design Studio.” *Landscape at Lunch Presentation*. Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 2003.
- 2002 Dearborn, Lynne, Laura Lawson, and Janni Sorensen. “Testing an Interdisciplinary Teaching Approach: Integrating Urban Planning, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture.” Presentation to the *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference*, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2002.
- 2002 Berney, Rachel, Laura Lawson, Marcia McNally, and Michael Rios. “University-Community Partnerships: Participatory Approaches to Neighborhood Planning and Design.” *Fourth Annual Pacific Rim Conference on Participatory Community Design*. Hong Kong, December 2002. (contributed to paper but not in attendance).
- 2001 “Urban Garden Programs, 1890s to Present: Stopgap Opportunism or Legitimate Land Use?” *Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference*, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, California, August 2001.
- 2000 “Smoothing Out the Wrinkles: A Study to Improve the Nexus Between Youth Training and Income Generation at the BYA Garden Patch,” *Poster Presentation*, *Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference*, San Francisco, California, May 2000.



- 2000 "Lessons from the Community Garden Movement." Does the Neighborhood Landscape Matter Conference, Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, University of California, Berkeley, October 2000.
- 1999 "The Planner in the Garden: the Relationship between Planning and Urban Garden Programs, 1890s-1990s." Eighth Biennial Conference on Planning History, Society of American City and Regional Planning History, Washington, D.C., November 1999.
- 1999 A History of Urban Garden Programs: 1890 to Present. American Community Gardening Annual (ACGA) Conference, Philadelphia, October 1999.
- 1999 "Urban Garden Programs Past and Present: Community Development Model or Minefield." Second Annual Conference of Democratic Design in the Pacific Rim, Saitama, Japan, June 1999.
- 1998 "Lessons from the BYA Garden Patch." Conference of Democratic Design in the Pacific Rim, University of California, Berkeley, May 1998.
- 1997 "Enterprising Participation in Low Income Communities: Social Entrepreneurship and Market Gardens." Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) 28th Annual Conference, Montreal 1997.

### **Other Presentations, Lectures, Demonstrations**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
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.
- 2013 Authors Panel, City after Abandonment. University of Pennsylvania, November 11, 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 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.
- 2011 "School Gardens - the Long View." Master Gardener Advanced Training Program, County College of Morris, May 2011.
- 2011 "Community Gardens." 2011 Community Garden Conference, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morris County Park Commission, March 3, 2011.
- 2011 "Community Garden: Trend or Fad." Garden Club, Rutgers Gardens, February 11, 2011.
- 2011 "Community Gardens: A Growing Practice," Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey Winter Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, January 19, 2012.
- 2011 Moderator on Panel, "The Rise, Decline, and Return of Food System Planning," Society for American City and Regional Planning History, Baltimore, November 17-20, 2011.
- 2008 Organizer of Panel, "Moving Beyond Academic Assumptions: Addressing Racial, Cultural, and Class Differences Between Academia and Community," Imagining America, Los Angeles, October 2-4, 2008.
- 2004 Co-Chair, Architecture and Landscape Sessions, American Collegiate Schools of Architecture Conference, March 18-21, 2004.
- 2001 "Urban Agricultural Approaches to Increasing Access to Fruits and Vegetables." Invited Lecture at Food Security Research-to-Action Colloquium, Cancer Prevention and Nutrition Section, California Nutrition Network and California Five-A-Day, Sacramento, November 2001.
- 1999 "Urban Agriculture as an Entrepreneurial Venture." Panel discussion at the American Community Gardening Annual (ACGA) Conference, Philadelphia, October 1999.
- 1998 "Gardens that Grow People and Communities." Invited lecture at Growing Healthy People and Communities: A Conference on Gardening, the Center for Better Communities, Honolulu, May 1998.
- 1997 "The Challenges and Benefits of Market Gardens." Invited participant in panel discussion, Improving Food Security through Household, School and Community Gardening. International Conference of Agricultural Economists 23rd Annual Conference, Sacramento, California, August 1997.
- 1996 "Entrepreneurial Gardens: General Profile and Issues." Presentation to the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) Annual Conference, Montreal, September 1996.
- 1995 "Multi-functional Urban Open Space." Invited lecture at Vision Forum on Sustainable Neighborhoods, Urban Ecology, Oakland, California, May 1995.
- 1994 Youth Employment in Community Gardening and Greening. Presentation to the American Community Gardening Association/American Horticultural Therapy Joint Conference, Chicago, Illinois, August 1994.

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## Funding

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

- 2016-ongoing (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 (staff), 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, Laura Lawson
- 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., 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", Laura Lawson

### 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., 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., 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, Laura Lawson
- 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, Laura Lawson
- 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, Laura Lawson
- 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", 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, Laura Lawson
2004-2005	(Grant Amount: \$9,471) An Analysis of Parks and Open Space in East St. Louis, Illinois. Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, Laura Lawson
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, Laura Lawson
2002-2003	(Grant Amount: \$1,500) East St. Louis Action Research Project (ESLARP) Faculty Fellowship, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Laura Lawson
2001-2001	(Grant Amount: \$5,000) Faculty Summer Research Stipend, Louisiana State University, Laura Lawson
2001-2001	(Grant Amount: \$1,000) Service-Learning Incentive Award, Louisiana State University, Laura Lawson

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## Teaching Activities

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### Courses Taught

Social and Cultural Aspects of Design (11:550:301), graduate and undergraduate, Rutgers University, Spring 2014, 2016, 2017.

Environmental Design Analysis (11:550:230), undergraduate, Rutgers University, Fall 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

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

St. Croix Studio: Telling Community Stories through Landscape Design (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, 2012.

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, 2009.

#### Doctoral - Committee

Jones, Jonathan. "Local Food Enterprises in Post-Industrial Cities: Governance, Economic Development, and Reuse of Underutilized Land in Newark, New Jersey, and Dayton, Ohio." New Jersey Institute of Technology, expected 2019.

2015 Drake, Luke. "The Dynamics of an Expanding Community Economy: Community Garden Networks and Clusters in New Jersey." Department of Geography, Rutgers University, under direction of Kevin St. Martin, 2015.

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.

2014 Campbell, Lindsay. "City of Forests, City of Farms: Constructing Nature in New York City." Department of Geography, Rutgers University, under direction of Robert W. Lake. 2013.

## Master's - Primary

- 2017 Bergstrom, Jeremiah. "Rising Above the Flood: The Role of Cooperative Extension in Helping New Jersey Communities Meet Resiliency Challenges." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 2017 Collins, Meghan Therese. "How Can Landscape Architecture Create Urban Gardens as a Catalyst for Learning? An Investigation of Urban Gardens for Children." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 2015 Burkhalter, Jennifer. "Community-based Design with a Particular Focus on the Inclusion of Individuals with Autism." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, 2015.
- 2014 Vardi-Topal, Hanife. "Turkish Community Gardening." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, 2015.
- 2014 DeVries, Arianna. "Suburban Dirt: A rowing Element in New Jersey's Community Gardening Trend." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, 2014.
- 2013 Taranto, James. "Connecting Rutgers Gardens to Cook Campus." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, 2013.
- 2011 James, Shawn. "Spirituality and the Local food Movement: The Affinity of Pluralistic Gardening Stewardship." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2011.
- 2010 Giannetti, Gina. "Arboretum Design and Programming: Integrating Research, Education, and Community at the University of Illinois Arboretum." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2010.
- 2010 Zhou, Xucan. "Optimizing the Outdoor Environments for Young Children: Re-envisioning the Child Development Laboratories at UIUC." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2010.
- 2010 Shing, Kent. "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, 2010.
- 2009 Harre, Bethany. "The Pedestrian Experience in Residential Communities: Learning from Woonerfs: The Case in Champaign." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2009.
- 2007 Hamilton, Emily. "More than Just a Wetland: A New Design Vocabulary for Civic Space in East St. Louis." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2007.
- 2006 Jeong Yoon Park. "Revitalization of Lincoln Park in the South End, East St. Louis." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2006.
- 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

- 2017 Dahringer, Donna. "Optimizing Ecological Function, Agricultural Productivity, and Aesthetic Value on a Small Site in New Jersey's Rural-Urban Fringe." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University.
- 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 University, 2016.
- 2014 Op't Hof, Andrew. "Slab City." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, 2014.
- 2013 Hanrahan, David. "Hybrid Territory: The Shaping of Public Space at Rutgers Gardens." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, 2013.
- 2013 Nuccio, Kimberly. "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.
- 2013 Suh, Baewon. "Revitalization of Open Space of High-Rise Apartment Complex. Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, 2013.
- 2013 Ortiz, Denisse. "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.
- 2013 Jadhav, Mukta. "Snow Infrastructure." Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, 2013.
- 2010 St. Onge, David. "Reprogramming Pittsburgh's Post Industrial Riverfront: An Open Space Vision for the South Side." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2010.
- 2009 Petri, Aaron. "A Participatory Process for Evaluating Sustainable Agriculture at the Dudley Smith Farm." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2009.
- 2009 Garrett, Michael. "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.
- 2009 Sajtar, Julie. "The Bloomingdale Line: Emptiness and the Slow Horizon." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2009.
- 2009 Feng, Lee. "The Landscape of High-Tech Corporate Culture: Redesign of Cisco Office Park in San Jose, California." University of Illinois, 2009.
- 2009 Weiss, Andrew. "Garden Space in Vague Terrain." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2009.
- 2008 Gowri, Swetha. "An Experiment in Sustainable Community Design, Auroville, India." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2008.
- 2007 Wang, Qiang. "Pilsen's Bright Future: Sustainable Neighborhood Design." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2007.
- 2007 Wan, Tian Rui. (title) Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2007.
- 2007 George, Alex. "Slices: A Journey Through the Southern California Landscape." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2007.

- 2006 Kathleen McQuiggan, Kathleen. "Shades of Green: Developing a LEED Rating System for Existing Sites." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2006.
- 2006 Huang, Wen. "An Abandoned Corner or a Meaningful Place? A Design Exploration in Communication the Identification of Neighborhood and City with the Application of Narrative Landscape." Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois, 2006.
- 2005 Kenwick, Rebecca Anne. (title). Masters of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Science, University of Illinois, 2005.
- 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, 2009.

#### **Students Supervised for Independent Studies**

##### UG

- 2017 Fowler, Kayla. "Reassessing the New Jersey Farmland Assessment Act: Barriers to Urban Farmers' Market Commercial Sales." Faculty Advisor for George H. Cook Honors Thesis, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University.
- 2016 Hyslop, Theresa. "Creating a Framework for Living Labs on Cook Douglass Campus." Faculty Advisor for George H. Cook Honors Thesis, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University.
- 2016 Nagele, Eliot. "Restoration Management Plan for the Arbor Trail." Faculty Reader for George H. Cook Honors Thesis, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University.
- 2016 Fowler, Kayla. Faculty Advisory for Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Rutgers University.
- 2014 Cook, Rebecca. "Designing with Water: An Exploration for Stormwater Management Practices for Rutgers University's Cook Douglass Campus." Faculty Reader for George H. Cook Honors Thesis, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University.
- 2014 Woods, Jessie. "Sustainable Transportation Strategies and their application in University Design." Faculty Reader for George H. Cook Honors Thesis, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University.
- 2014 Hartmann, Michelle. "Sustainable Socialspace: The Understanding and Application of Social Space Cook Douglass Campus." Faculty Reader for George H. Cook Honors Thesis, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University.



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## Service

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### Service to Other Public Bodies

New Jersey STAR Teach Ag Campaign Advisor, 2016-present

### Service to Rutgers University

Middle States Reaccreditation committee, Standard one, criteria 3, 2017.

### 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.

Juror, Environmental Design Research Association / Places Awards, 2010

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## Honors and Awards

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### Professional Awards and Honors

2015 *DesignIntelligence* Thirty Most Admired Educators for 2015.

2010 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.

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

2007 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."

2005 Arnold O. Beckman Research Award, University of Illinois, 2004-05. Received for "An Analysis of Parks and Open Space in East St. Louis, Illinois."

2003 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).

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