

CURRICULUM VITAE



LISA DURUSSEL RLA, LEED AP

DESIGN DIRECTOR & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT / SITE SCIENCE STUDIO

ASSISTANT TEACHING PROFESSOR / PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Raised in a family of farmers in rural Michigan, Lisa developed a formative respect and commitment to nature at a young age. Her 14 years of broad landscape design experience, coupled with her knowledge of horticulture and agriculture informs her pragmatic approach to design. As a Landscape Architect and Educator, her role spans design, research and execution realms, where she has led high profile landscape projects, including the award-winning Governors Island Hills project in New York City. Prior to founding her own consulting firm that bridges design + ecology, Site Science in 2017, Lisa held project leader positions with West 8 urban design + landscape architecture, Future Green Studio, MNLA New York, and Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects Chicago. In addition to leading design projects at Site Science, Lisa serves as an assistant teaching professor of landscape architecture and practitioner-in-residence at The Pennsylvania State University where she challenges her students to solve complex design issues through research, conversation and collaboration. Her work has been published for the Landscape Architecture Foundation, and in Landscape Architecture Magazine, World Landscape Architecture, and Metropolis POV. Lisa received both her Bachelors of Science in Resource Ecology & Environmental Policy and her Masters in Landscape Architecture from the University of Michigan.

AFFILIATIONS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LISA DURUSSEL RLA, LEED AP

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Licensed Landscape Architect: Illinois #157.1307 and Florida #LA6667309

LEED Accredited Professional, CLARB Certified

Landscape Architecture Foundation Research Fellow: 2018

National ASLA Public Awareness Representative: 2015 - 2017

NY-ASLA Board Member: 2014 - 2016

2017 - Present

Landscape Architect / **Site Science**

State College, PA / Manchester, MI

Clients: West 8 (New York), Unknown Studio (Baltimore), Earthscape (Tokyo), Horizon GeoSpatial (State College)

2015 - 2017

Senior Landscape Architect and Project Leader / **West 8 New York urban design + landscape architecture**
New York, NY

2015

Associate / **Future Green Studio**

Brooklyn, NY

2011 - 2014

Senior Landscape Architect and Project Manager / **Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects**
New York, NY

2006 - 2010

Associate / **Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects, Inc.**

Chicago, IL

2005 - 2006

Design Intern / **The Johnson-Hill Land Ethics Studio**

Ann Arbor, MI

2004 - 2005

Research Assistant / **University of Michigan Landscape Ecology Studio**

Ann Arbor, MI

2003

Environmental Education Coordinator / **City of Ann Arbor Department of Environment**

Ann Arbor, MI

2001 - 2003

Solid Waste Program Assistant / **Washtenaw County Department of Environment & Infrastructure**

Ann Arbor, MI

1994 - 2001

Farm Assistant and Implement Operator / **DuRussel Potato Farms, Inc.**

Manchester, MI

SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite, AutoCAD, Rhino, Microsoft Office

Community Engagement

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017 - Present

The Pennsylvania State University - State College

Assistant Teaching Professor in Landscape Architecture and Practitioner in Residence

Courses taught: LArch 211/515 Design Studio & Theory I (Site Design)
LArch 241 Ecology & Plants I
LArch 215/525 Design Studio & Theory II (Masterplanning)
LArch 233 Landscape Materials & Methods
LArch 335 Landscape Planting Implementation
LArch 424 Urban Ecology & Ecological Prototyping Seminar
LArch 497 Geodesign & Community Engagement Seminar

Invited Critic

The Ohio State University, Urban Agriculture Studio

The University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, Site Design Studio

The University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, Site Planning & Construction Documents Studio

The Pennsylvania State University, Professional Practice

The City College of New York, Visualization Studio

New York Botanical Garden, Portfolio & Presentation Skills Studio

EDUCATION

2003 - 2006

Master of Landscape Architecture

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; School of Natural Resources & Environment

1998 - 2002

Bachelor of Science in Resource Ecology & Environmental Policy

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; School of Natural Resources & Environment

PRESENTATIONS

2019

Using Geodesign as a Tool in Real-Time Community Engagement, ECO-CITIES

Using Geodesign as a Tool in Real-Time Community Engagement, Engagement Scholarship Consortium

Embracing the Post-Digital: Using Geodesign as a Tool in Real-Time Community Engagement, DLA

Tough Clients / Complex Sites: Using Geodesign to Prioritize Community Values, ESRI

Designed to Flood: Evaluating the Resilience of Waterfront Parks, CELA

The New Nature: Digital Media in Landscape Performance, CELA

2018

A Brilliant Disguise: Engineering, Ecology and Experience in Resilient Design, PA-DE ASLA

A Brilliant Disguise: Landscape as Infrastructure, CELA

The New Nature: Outdoors in a Digital World, DLA International Conference

PUBLICATIONS

2019

LAF Case Study Investigation: Hunters Point South Park, Queens NY

LAF Case Study Investigation: West Point Foundry Preserve, Cold Spring NY

2014

Metropolis Magazine POV: Urban Paddling, Vectors of Change in Nature, Living in a Digital World

2013

Metropolis Magazine POV: Outdoors in the Digital World, It's just Dirt, isn't it?, From Field to Park, Dumpster Diving, What Lies Beneath, Tree Tag... You're It!, Colors only Dogs can See

2010

The Dignity of Restraint, ed. Peter Lindsay Schaudt, Charles Birnbaum

UNC Campus Tree Walk, ed. Peter Lindsay Schaudt, Dr. Michael Dirr

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

2017

Governors Island Hills (with West 8 NY):

Architizer A+ Awards Jury Winner in the Public Park Category
MAStErworks Award for Best Urban Landscape
ASLA-NY Chapter Honor Award in General Design
ULI New York Excellence in Civic Space Development
Honorable Mention Architect's Newspaper Best of Design Awards

2016

Governors Island Hills (with West 8 NY):

New York Design Awards, Gold Award in Landscape Design

Spring Street Park (with MNLA):

NYC Public Design Commission Award for Excellence in Design

2015

Governors Island Park & Public Space, Phase 1 (with MNLA):

ASLA-NY Design Merit Award

2014

Governors Island Park & Public Space, Phase 1 (with MNLA):

Built by Women NYC, Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation

New York Botanical Garden Edible Academy (with MNLA):

NYC Public Design Commission Award for Excellence in Design

Hudson Square Streetscape Improvement Plan (with MNLA):

ASLA-NY Design Merit Award for Collaborative Design

2012

Governors Island Park & Public Space, Phase 1 (with MNLA):

ASLA Professional Honor Award in Analysis and Planning

Construction of Governors Island Park & Public Space, Phase 1 (with MNLA):

NYC Public Design Commission Award for Excellence in Design

2011

Dignity of Restraint: A Historic Landscape Preservation Study for UNC, Chapel Hill (with HoerrSchaudt):

ASLA Professional Honor Award in Analysis and Planning

2009

Dignity of Restraint: A Historic Landscape Preservation Study for UNC, Chapel Hill (with HoerrSchaudt):

SCUP Excellence in Planning Honor Award

EXHIBITIONS

2018 Improv Pedagogy; The Schreyer Honors Institute

2016 Tides of October; The Gowanus Canal Conservancy

2015 Nostalgia is A, Baker; The Dreams That I Gave Her, NARS Foundation

2010 Burnham 2.0; Chicago History Museum

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The Pennsylvania State University:

Ecology + Design (Center in Development) Committee Member, 2017-2019
Department Landscape Architecture Student Society Adviser, 2018-2019
Department Facilities, Digital & Physical Shop Committee, 2017-2018
Student Committee, Masters Capstone Co-Chair, 2018
Awards & Scholarships Committee, 2018
Department LABASH Committee Co-Chair, 2017

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Musser Gap to Valleylands Project - Penn State University (\$10,000)

Ecology + Design: Mapping and monitoring designed meadows - their aesthetics and landscape performance
(with Mahan-Rykiel, \$14,000)

Landscape Architecture Foundation: 2018 Case Study Investigation Series (\$7,000)