

CURRICULUM VITAE



LISA DURUSSEL RLA, LEED AP

SENIOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT / UNKNOWN STUDIO, BALTIMORE MD

STRATEGIST + FOUNDER / SITE SCIENCE, ANN ARBOR MI

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SCHOOL FOR ENVIRONMENT + SUSTAINABILITY, ANN ARBOR MI

Licensed Landscape Architect:

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LEED Accredited Professional, CLARB Certified

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 professor of practice in landscape architecture and practitioner-in-residence at The University of Michigan School for Environment + Sustainability 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.

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2020 - PRESENT

The University of Michigan School for Environment + Sustainability (SEAS) - Ann Arbor
Assistant Professor of Practice in Landscape Architecture

Courses taught: EAS 501 Fundamentals of Modeling + Making
(Graduate) EAS 677 Community Engagement for Impact
EAS 691 Planting Design + Implementation
EAS 787 Metropolitan Dynamics Design Studio
EAS 601 Master's Capstone Project Advising

2017 - 2020

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)
(Graduate + UG) 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

2017

The New York Botanical Garden - Bronx, NY
Lecturer in the Landscape Design Certificate Program

Courses taught: Portfolio, Presentation + Visualization Skills Studio

Invited Critic/Lecturer

The Pennsylvania State University

2021 Landscape Materials + Methods (Prof. M. Miller)
2020 Design Studio & Theory II (Prof. A. Spangler)
2019 Design Studio & Theory I (Prof. M. Hansen)
2018 Professional Practice (Prof. D. Marriott)
2017 Climate Change Studio (Prof. S. Mainzer)

Cornell University

2020 Summer Design Studio (Prof. J. Birkeland)

University of Texas-Austin

2020 Urban Futures Studio (Prof. M. Hansen)

The Ohio State University

2018 Urban Agriculture Studio (Prof. H. Steiner)

RESEARCH FUNDING

Public Engagement Fellowship, Center for Academic Innovation - University of Michigan (\$1,500)

GreenPrint Detroit - University of Michigan (\$1,500)

Musser Gap to Valleylands Project - Penn State (\$61,000)

Landscape Perseverance: Mapping and Monitoring Designed Meadows - Penn State (\$14,000)

Research Fellow - Landscape Architecture Foundation (\$7,000)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018 - Present

Senior Landscape Architect / **Unknown Studio Landscape Architecture + Urban Design**
Baltimore, MD

2018 - Present

Landscape Architecture Consultant / **Site Science**
Tipton, MI / Ann Arbor, MI
Clients: West 8 (New York), Unknown Studio (Baltimore), Earthscape (Tokyo),
Horizon GeoSpatial (State College), SWA Group (Sacramento)

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

1998 - 2006

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
MLA - Landscape Architecture, 2006
BS - Environmental Policy + Resource Ecology, 2002

EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

2020

Hunter's Point South Case Study Investigation (with SWA Group, LAF):
Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA), Honor Award

Roberto Clemente State Park (with MNLA NY):
ASLA-NY Chapter Merit Award in General Design
The Waterfront Center Honor Award

2018

New York Botanical Garden Edible Academy (with MNLA NY):
ENR New York, Best Green Project
Society of American Registered Architects, National Design Award of Honor

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

PRESENTATIONS

2021

The Tools of Engagement / Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference (Virtual)
The Tools of Engagement / MUSE Conference (Virtual)

2020

Using Geodesign to Prioritize Community Values / Conference of Digital Landscape Architecture (Virtual)
Using Geodesign to Prioritize Community Values / Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference (Virtual)
Tough Clients / Complex Sites: Using Geodesign to Prioritize Community Values, ESRI Geodesign Summit (Redlands, CA)
Tough Clients / Complex Sites: Using Geodesign to Prioritize Community Values, IGC Summit (Redlands, CA)

2019

Geodesign in Real-Time Community Engagement / ECO-CITIES Conference (Vancouver, BC)
Geodesign in Real-Time Community Engagement / Engagement Scholarship Consortium (Denver, CO)
Embracing the Post-Digital: Using Geodesign in Real-Time Community Engagement / DLA Conference (Accepted)
Tough Clients / Complex Sites: Using Geodesign to Prioritize Community Values / ESRI Conference (Redlands, CA)
Designed to Flood: Evaluating the Resilience of Waterfront Parks / Council of Educators in Landscape Arch (Sacramento, CA)
The New Nature: Digital Media in Landscape Performance / Council of Educators in Landscape Arch (Sacramento, CA)

2018

A Brilliant Disguise: Engineering, Ecology and Experience in Resilient Design / PA-DE ASLA Annual Conference (Cranberry, PA)
A Brilliant Disguise: Landscape as Infrastructure / Council of Educators in Landscape Arch (Blacksburg, VA)
The New Nature: Outdoors in a Digital World, DLA International Conference

2017

Public Awareness through Sketch Walks / ASLA Public Awareness Summit (Savannah, GA)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

DuRussel, L., Meehan, D. 2021. The Tools of Engagement: A Hybrid Community Conversation Strategy to Build Public Trust. CELA Conference Proceedings (IN REVIEW)

DuRussel, L., and D. T. Meehan. 2020. Under The Eye: Using an Ecosystem of Digital Tools to Analyze and Solve Land Use Planning Issues. *Journal of Digital Landscape Architecture*.

DuRussel, L., and A. Singh. 2019. Landscape Performance Case Study Investigation: Hunters Point South Park, Queens NY . Landscape Architecture Foundation.

DuRussel, L., and A. Singh. 2019. Landscape Performance Case Study Investigation: West Point Foundry Preserve, Cold Spring NY. Landscape Architecture Foundation.

DuRussel, L., and A. Singh. 2019. The New Nature: Outdoors in a Digital World. Landscape Architecture Foundation

REPORTS

Cole, C. A., L. DuRussel, L. Goldberg, T. Gould, D. Meehan, N. S. Parkhill, and E. Pennypacker. 2020. Musser Gap to Valleylands (MG2V): A Report on Potentials for Site Management. Penn State Department of Landscape Architecture, Penn State University, University Park, PA. 96 pp.

DuRussel, L., C. A. Cole, D. Meehan, S. Rothman, E. Blankenhorn, B. Brucker, B. Chronister, T. Gould, P. Neder, Z. Roane-Hopkins, O. Shotyk, L. Staley, S. Sweeny, J. Tiernan, and J. Wertheim. 2019. MG2V – Musser Gap to Valleylands. Part 2. A report on the evolution of design ideas for a tract of Penn State property. Penn State Department of Landscape Architecture, Penn State University, University Park, PA. 80 pp.

Schardt, P.L., DuRussel, L. Birnbaum, C. 2010. The Dignity of Restraint: A Historic Landscape Framework Plan for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 180pp.

Schardt, P.L., DuRussel, L. Dirr, M. 2010. UNC Campus Tree Walk. 30pp.

Dayrell, E., DuRussel, L. Hollstein, L., Siebert, S., and Smith, L. 2006. Across Grandview Parkway: Reconnecting the Heart of Traverse City to It's Bay. University of Michigan Master's Capstone Project.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

DuRussel, L., and D. T. Meehan. 2020. Under The Eye: Using an Ecosystem of Digital Tools to Analyze and Solve Land Use Planning Issues. *Journal of Digital Landscape Architecture*.
https://gispoint.de/fileadmin/user_upload/paper_gis_open/DLA_2020/537690062.pdf

DuRussel, L., and D. T. Meehan. 2021. Tough Clients/Complex Sites: A Community Conversation Strategy to Build Public Trust. (in progress, anticipated May 2021)
https://thecela.org/wp-content/uploads/CELA-Abstract-Proceedings-v5-2021_4_1-for-CELA-Website.pdf

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BLOG POSTS

DuRussel, L. 2014. Urban Paddling. *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
DuRussel, L. 2014. Vectors of Change in Nature. *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
DuRussel, L. 2014. Living in a Digital World. *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
DuRussel, L. 2013. Outdoors in the Digital World. *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
DuRussel, L. 2013. It's just Dirt, isn't it? *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
DuRussel, L. 2013. From Field to Park. *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
DuRussel, L. 2013. Dumpster Diving. *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
DuRussel, L. 2013. What Lies Beneath. *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
DuRussel, L. 2013. Tree Tag. . . You're It! *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
DuRussel, L. 2013. Colors only Dogs can See. *Metropolis Magazine* POV.
Brightman, T. and DuRussel, L. 2013. An Introduction to *Metropolis Magazine's* Green Team. *Metropolis Magazine* POV.

EXHIBITIONS

2018 The Schreyer Honors Institute "*Improv Pedagogy*"
2016 The Gowanus Canal Conservancy "*Tides of October*"
2015 NARS Foundation "*Nostalgia is a . . .*"
2010 Chicago History Museum "*Burnham 2.0*"

COMMITTEES + SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Center for Academic Innovation Public Engagement Fellow, 2021. University of Michigan

Campus Bee Committee, 2021. University of Michigan

Ecology + Design (Center in Development) Founding Committee Member, 2017-Present. Penn State University.

Bridgewater Farms Steering Committee, 2021.

ULI Student Mentor, 2021.

Landscape Architecture Foundation Research Fellow, 2018.

Department Landscape Architecture Student Society Adviser, 2018-2019. Penn State University.

Department Facilities, Digital & Physical Shop Committee, 2017-2018. Penn State University.

Awards & Scholarships Committee, 2018-2020. Penn State University.

Department LABASH Committee Co-Chair, 2017. Penn State University.

NYC ASLA Board Member, 2014-2016