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EDUCATION & TRAINING

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, New York – 2001-04

M.L.A., Master of Landscape Architecture, magna cum laude

Thesis: *The Sea, the Port and a New Democracy: The Delta Of Rijeka, Croatia*

Researched the role of public space in building social cohesion in divided cities and collaborated with local community leaders, designers and economists to create a contextually-appropriate design concept for a post-industrial seafront site.

MESSIAH COLLEGE, Grantham, Pennsylvania – 1993-97

B.A., History, magna cum laude

Participated in American Studies Program, Washington, D.C., researching the integration of faith and public life. Interned at International Development Business Consultants; studied at Messiah's Philadelphia campus at Temple University.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

GOODLAND COLLABORATIVE, Harrisburg, PA – 2008 to present

CENTER FOR PUBLIC HUMANITIES, MESSIAH COLLEGE, Grantham, PA

Community Liaison

Co-founded Poetry in Place project, leveraging local assets, bridging divides, cultivating connections to cultural, historical and ecological roots of Harrisburg and inviting youth to voice their perspectives on their place through poetry.

LANCASTER WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, Lancaster, PA

Consultant

Advised and gave design recommendations for project to employ work-release groups for urban landscape projects.

LAND LOGICS GROUP, Camp Hill, PA

Community Planner/Urban Designer

Developed design and construction documents for various public parks focusing on stormwater management and plant selection. Implemented Safe Routes to School project, involving walkability assessments, community meetings, design suggestions.

OFFICE FOR PLANNING & ARCHITECTURE, Harrisburg, PA

Ecological Design Consultant

Advised architects on and served as member of design team for various sustainable development projects focused on reforestation, biodiversity conservation, agriculture, eco-tourism, water and energy conservation and sense of place.

MESSIAH COLLEGE, Grantham, PA

Ecological Design Consultant

Designed and produced construction documents for campus projects including an outdoor classroom/gathering space, redesign of an urban courtyard and educational native plant gardens. Introduced rainwater collection practices and use of local materials.

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE, Lancaster, PA

Program Coordinator, Poetry Paths, Philadelphia Alumni Writers House – 2010-11

Coordinated a grant-funded, community-based arts and urban design project as a partnership between the college, the city, the school district and 14 leading organizations in the city.

Coordinated poetry workshops in public schools and annual poetry reading event bringing together a cross-section of the city. Managed grant from community foundation, wrote federal grant proposals, published calls for artists and poets, held community meetings ensuring public participation, was featured in multiple media outlets for project's innovation.

PRESERVATION GREEN, LLC, New York, New York

Landscape Design Consultant – 2005, 2007-08

Conducted detailed site analyses, elaborate planting plans and construction documents for the restoration of historic properties in the northeast region. Collaborated closely with contractors and clients, many of whom were prominent public and cultural figures of our time.

EDAW, INC., New York, New York

Landscape Designer – 2005-07

Created plans for urban streetscape design and sustainable communities, phyto-remediation strategies for toxic sites, designs to transform a prominent historic farm into a laboratory for landscape conservation. Worked collaboratively in interdisciplinary teams.

OLIN PARTNERSHIP, Philadelphia, PA

Design Intern – 2002

Conducted site visits, created inventory and analysis and developed construction documents for historic urban site working with one of the field's most preeminent designers.

ALLAN GREENBERG ARCHITECT, LLC, Washington, D.C.

Architectural Assistant – 2001

Revised CAD drawings for schematic design stage of residential projects and assisted project managers with research on historic properties.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RELIGION & DIPLOMACY, Washington, D.C.

Executive Assistant to the President – 1999-2000

Managed all office systems for newly-formed think tank, writing grant proposals, designing marketing materials, arranging events and meetings with international senior advisors. Researched and wrote on conflict resolution possibilities in the Sudan and Kashmir.

ACADEMY FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AED), Washington, D.C.

Program Assistant, Linkages Project, USAID Cooperative Agreement – 1997-99

Managed contracts, financial accounts, and correspondence for a large USAID contract held by AED, as well as AED's collaboration with other program partners, including World Vision and UNICEF. Assisted public health experts in the compilation of technical papers related to health and nutrition of women and children in Latin America.

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

MESSIAH COLLEGE, Grantham, Pennsylvania – 2011 to present

Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Harrisburg Neighborhoods – a course providing an experiential introduction to social science theory and methodologies with a focus on urbanism with students conducting ethnographic research projects at the neighborhood level.

PHILADELPHIA UNIVERSITY, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – 2009

Adjunct Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture

Landscape Architecture History – a course on the evolution of landscape architecture and urban planning from the 19th century to present within the larger historical context.

MESSIAH COLLEGE, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – 2009

Adjunct Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies Department

Ecosystems (as Metaphor): cultivating a sustainable city – exploring neighborhood assessment methodologies for sections of North Philadelphia, collaborating with a local community organization and forming a lens through which to reimagine the fragmented city based on an ecosystem model.

INTERNATIONAL FIELD & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

COLOMBIA FIELD VISIT – 2014

Independent Researcher

Documented urban public space and public art in Bogota analyzing its role in knitting together a diverse population; conducted field research among those who've been internally displaced.

COSTA RICA/PANAMA FIELD VISIT, Monteverde, Palo Verde, Osa, Ciriqui, Kuna Yala – 2009

Co-leader, Tropical Biology course, Messiah College

Assisted faculty in organizing and leading 4-week course for fifteen college students, investigating five different eco-regions, their plant and wildlife habitat.

SPAIN FIELD VISIT, Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Seville, Córdoba -- 2005

Independent research

Documented urban public space in various regions throughout Spain that held historical or contemporary significance in the life of the given city. Particularly noted spatial and artistic efforts from the era of peaceful coexistence among Jews, Christians and Muslims.

BALKAN FIELD VISIT, Rijeka, Mostar and Sarajevo -- 2003

Thesis research, Cornell University

Undertook extensive field research in Rijeka, Croatia, hosted by the city's Port Authority, partner to the World Bank on a large redevelopment project. Interviewed municipal and community leaders, designers, students, entrepreneurs and other residents, while investigating historical, cultural, political and ecological background of the place, contributing to thesis proposal. Met with architectural historian in Sarajevo and Mostar as comparison study.

CENTRO INTERNAZIONALE CITTÀ D'ACQUA / INTERNATIONAL CENTRE CITIES ON WATER,

Venice, Italy – 2003

Visiting Researcher

Utilized Centre's extensive library for thesis research on coastal cities that have been developed in a contextually sensitive manner.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK, Post-War Reconstruction And Development Unit, York, UK – 2003

Visiting Researcher

Attended classes with leading experts and utilized library for further thesis research.

LEBANON FIELD VISIT, Beirut -- 2002

Independent study research, Cornell University and American University of Beirut

Investigated ongoing reconstruction of Beirut's city center, interviewing city planners, faculty, students and residents. Studied pre- and post-war evolution of Martyr's Square, a critical public space on the demarcation line. Served as design critic for student projects at American University of Beirut's Landscape Design and Eco-Management program.

PERU PROJECT, Arequipa and Cusco – 1996

Voluntary service, Eastern Mennonite Missions

Developed and implemented a Spanish literacy program for Quechua women in rural villages. Taught health and nutrition to women and children. Completed intensive Spanish language course, living with host families.

INDONESIA PROJECT, Islands of Java, Bali, Bornea -- 1993

Voluntary service, Eastern Mennonite Missions

Taught English to elementary and high school students and joined in emergency relief efforts for flood victims. Worked in 14 villages and lived with various Indonesian host families.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & CERTIFICATES

GRANT TRAINING CENTER – 2010

Received professional grant writing certificate after three day comprehensive training

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

TRAVEL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP – 2003

Granted for travel and research related to thesis in Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Italy and England.

COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS GRANT – 2003

Awarded for the creation of a public, mixed-media exhibit at Cornell's Hartell Gallery, entitled *Moorings for Beirut*, presenting possibilities for stability within the chaos of a war-torn city.

EIDLITZ FELLOWSHIP – 2002

Granted for travel and independent research in Beirut, Lebanon

E. GORTON DAVIS FELLOWSHIP – 2002

Granted for travel and independent research in Beirut, Lebanon

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS – 2001-03

Undergraduate design studios, history of landscape architecture

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP – 2000-2001

Selected as one of fourteen fellows for a nine-month term completing curriculum on vocation and leadership while participating in community service projects and meeting regularly with a professional mentor in the field of landscape architecture.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

"ECOSYSTEMS (AS) METAPHOR: cultivating a sustainable city"

Urban Anthropology class at Messiah College, Grantham, PA – 2011, 2012

Speaker Series at Cecil College, North West, MD – 2010

Architecture class at Penn State University, State College, PA – 2009, 2010

"THE RESILIENT ONES: native plants in cooler seasons"

Meadowood Nursery, Hummelstown, PA – 2011

"ENCLOSED GARDEN & MEANDERING STREAM"

Landscape concepts for sculpture class at Messiah College, Grantham, PA – 2009

"STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION"

Susquehanna River Basin Commission Public Workshop, Harrisburg, PA -- 2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public space and public life; divided cities and designing for social cohesion; participatory process; community landscape narratives; ecological and societal resilience; designing for cultural and ecological flourishing

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

MESSIAH COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, Grantham, PA

Member, 2010-Present

Advise the President on academic and administrative affairs.

U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA, Harrisburg, PA

Board Member, 2010-2012

Coordinated educational programming for residents, professionals and policy-makers.

MAKESPACE, Harrisburg, PA

Board Member, 2012-2013

Contributed design and administrative ideas for an innovative artist studio/gallery space.

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Harrisburg, PA

Co-founder, School Garden program, 2011-2012

Envisioned and managed after-school garden program for urban elementary students.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY Stuckeman School, State College, PA

Design Studio Critic, 2009

Advised on final student projects in Architecture program.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION, Harrisburg, PA

Community landscape designer, 2007

Managed transformation of vacant lot into public gathering space for urban neighborhood, working with college interns, community youth, local businesses and volunteer groups; received South Allison Hill Resident's Award and Mayor's Award for Public Beautification.

TRI-COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Harrisburg, PA

Community landscape designer, 2008-09

Generated siteplan for affordable zero-energy house including native planting and stormwater management. Worked with volunteers to install plantings for streetscape improvement.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, Lebanon

Design Studio Critic, 2002

Advised on student projects in Landscape Design and Eco-Management program.

REGENERATION QUARTERLY, Washington, DC

Forum leader, 1998-2000

Hosted and led public ecumenical discussions on published scholarly articles around the topic, 'community transforming culture.'

References and portfolio available upon request.