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education

Master of Landscape Architecture

Ball State University

Muncie, Indiana

master's thesis:

Engaging Landscapes with Words: The Use of Language as a Design Tool in Landscape Architecture and Architecture Education

Bachelor of Science, Art History

Washington University

St. Louis, Missouri

other coursework and studies:

Coursework toward Master of Landscape Architecture Degree

University of Oregon

Studies in Landscape Horticulture

Department of Urban Agribusiness

Longwood College

Kansas City, Missouri

professional registration

Professional Landscape Architect (PLA)

State of Indiana - CLARB certified

design firm experience

Associate and Senior Designer

Rundell Ernstberger Associates, LLC (REA)

Indianapolis, Indiana (1996 - 2008)

Associate and senior designer in landscape architecture firm with offices in Muncie, and Indianapolis, IN. The firm has a reputation for designing and overseeing the installation of imaginative, artistically-detailed, high-quality work with projects located throughout the midwest. My experience with the firm included leadership in all aspects of design ranging from conceptual design to design development, construction documents and construction administration with additional responsibilities in marketing and proposal writing. At any given time, I typically carried a project management load of 4 to 6 projects at a time leading or participating in multidisciplinary design teams efforts. Because REA is a small firm with a large project load, I was always involved in the hands-on production of exhibits, presentation and technical drawings, cost estimates, specifications and project reports. Therefore, I have excellent graphic and written skills and am proficient in Autocad, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and other standard software programs. In addition, I made a significant contribution to many other projects by offering conceptual input, design review, and production assistance. I was heavily involved in the botanical aspects of all REA projects providing input on conceptual planting design and species selection.

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other design firm experience

Graduate Landscape Architect

Storrow Kinsella Partnership
(Landscape Architecture Firm)
Columbus, Indiana (1993 - 1996)

Responsibilities included design and production on a variety of projects including streetscape, housing, campus planning and open space development in this small, energetic, award-winning design firm.

Graduate Landscape Architect

Shafer, Kline and Warren
(Engineering Firm)
Kansas City, Missouri (1993 - 1996)

Member of the firm's planning and landscape architecture department doing design and production for projects ranging from regional and metropolitan-scale master planning and planning studies to site planning, design and development.

Site Designer and Planner

Bucher, Willis & Ratliff
(Multi-Disciplinary Design Firm)
Kansas City, Missouri (1988 - 1991)

Planning and landscape architecture department staff planner in this 60+ person office with the disciplines of architecture, airport and transportation planning, civil, structural and traffic engineering represented. Worked on a variety of regional and metropolitan-scale planning studies and master plans.

teaching and academic experience

Assistant Professor Landscape Architecture

Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN (2008 - 2013)

Planting Design I and II, Landscape Architecture Design I, Plants, Landscape, and Art

Contract Instructor

Department of Landscape Architecture
College of Architecture and Planning, Ball State University
Muncie, Indiana

CAP 162, LA 211, LA 606 (current Spring 2017)

CAP 161, CAP 101, Undergraduate Advising, (Fall 2016); CAP 101 (Summer 2016)

LA 202 Park and Open Space Design Studio (Spring Semester 2016)

CAP 161 Design Communication Media, LA 403 Urban Design Studio (Fall Semester 2015)

LA 302 Planting Design Studio, LA 460 Professional Practice (Spring Semester 2015)

LA 645 Graduate Seminar in Planting Design (Spring Semester 2004)

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peer reviewed publications

2013 S. Rotar, D. Barbarash, A. Hildner, B. Dahl
"Improving Student Learning through Integrated Project Experiences"
 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA)
 2013 National Conference Proceedings, Austin, TX

symposia, conferences, and lectures

2016 S. Tomizawa, A. Hildner
Abstract Title: "Feedback as a Teaching Tool: Aligning feedback with successive stages of the design process"
 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA)
 2016 National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

2016 S. Tomizawa, A. Hildner
Abstract Title: "A Macro Approach to Teaching Planting Design"
 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA)
 2016 National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

2013 S. Rotar, D. Barbarash, A. Hildner, B. Dahl
Abstract Title:
"Improving Student Learning through Integrated Project Experiences"
 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA)
 2013 National Conference, Austin, TX

2013 A. Hildner, B. Dahl, D. Barbarash, S. Rotar
Abstract Title:
"Guiding Groups of Students to Develop Divergent Design Proposals for a Common Site and Program"
 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA)
 2013 National Conference, Austin, TX

Best Practices in Nature Recreated: A Study of the Planting Installation Procedures of Jens Jensen
 American Public Garden Association 2011 Annual Conference
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Role of Flowers in an Emerging American Garden Style
 Purdue University, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture (2011)

An Approach to Urban Woodland Restoration
 Indiana 2011 Green Expo
 Indianapolis, Indiana

An Artistic Approach to Sustainable Planting Design
 Illinois 2010 Green Expo, Indiana 2009 Green Expo
 Peoria, Illinois, Indianapolis, IN

Cultivating an Engaging Sense of Place
 American Public Garden Association 2007 Annual Conference
 Washington, D.C.

Offering garden practitioners some insight into how to be better prepared to engage in the process of cultivating sense of place through better design, make the case that doing so engages people in a deep and meaningful way, and is good sustainable practice.

**project management & design team leadership experience
(selected projects from landscape architecture practice)**

garden design projects

Rehabilitation of the Ball Nurses Sunken Garden

IUPUI Campus

Indianapolis, Indiana

Worked in collaboration with Artemis Richardson, last surviving partner of the Olmsted Brothers firm on this historically significant garden project. Contract for design and construction documents currently being negotiated.

Indianapolis Art Center ArtsPark

Indianapolis, Indiana

Construction completed August 2004. Involved with conceptual design in collaboration with Michael Graves' NYC office. Responsible for project management of design development, construction documents and construction administration.

White River Gardens

Indianapolis Zoological Society

Indianapolis, Indiana

Construction completed 1998. Responsibilities involved the management of the extensive botanical aspect of this project including planting design, species selection and construction administration. Final plant list included over 1,000 species. Consulted and collaborated with Zoo Horticulture staff, Purdue Extension and horticulture groups including the Rose and Hosta Societies.

Sunrise Gardens

Evansville, Indiana

Construction completed 1998.

Bracken House Grounds

Ball State University

Muncie, Indiana

Construction completed 1999

Indiana Surgery Center South Courtyard

Indianapolis, Indiana

Construction completed fall 2006

Shiel Residence

Indianapolis, Indiana

Barr/Michael Residence

Indianapolis, Indiana

Fellegly Residence

Indianapolis, Indiana

Collins Residence

Noblesville, Indiana

Indianapolis, Indiana

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planting design and species selection

Cultural Trail

Indianapolis, Indiana

Responsibilities involved conceptual planting design, species selection Also involved in the design of stormwater drainage basins that are incorporated into the streetscape.

Memorial Home Care Green Roof Design

South Bend, Indiana

Robert M. Beutter Park

Mishawaka, Indiana

Project team responsibilities involved conceptual planting design and species selection.

Campus Martius Park

Detroit, Michigan

Responsibilities involved conceptual planting design and species selection.

Discovery Park

Purdue University Campus

West Lafayette, Indiana

Responsibilities involved conceptual planting, design and species selection.

DNR Building Site Work at the Indiana State Fairgrounds

Indianapolis, Indiana

Responsibilities involved conceptual planting design and species selection of a completely Indiana native palette.

campus planning projects

Indiana Statehouse Grounds Master Plan

Indianapolis, Indiana

Sinninger Pond Rehabilitation Feasibility Study

Purdue University

West Lafayette, Indiana

IPFW Campus Community Park Master Plan

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Design included restoration of diversity along the river bank and also involved habitat modification techniques for the control of Canada geese.

Museums at Prophetstown

Battleground, Indiana

Jewish Federation of St. Joseph County Site Master Plan and Holocaust Memorial

South Bend, Indiana

Master Planting Plan for Granger Community Church

Granger, Indiana

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exhibit and museum site design

Living History Farm Design

Museums at Prophetstown

Battleground, Indiana

Collaborated with members from the farming community on the design of this living history facility. Construction completed 1999.

Koala Exhibit

Indianapolis Zoological Society

Indianapolis, Indiana

trail projects

Salt Creek Trail

Brown County, Indiana

Little Turtle Waterway Projects

Logansport, Indiana:

Little Turtle Waterway Trail

Little Turtle Waterway Crossing

Little Turtle Waterway Trail Enhancements

landscape restoration projects

White River Access Canoe Launch

Indianapolis Art Center

Indianapolis, Indiana

Involved restoring stability and diversity of plant material on the White River bank as well as providing access to the River at the Indianapolis Art Center.

White River Streambank Repair and Restoration

Indianapolis Art Center

Indianapolis, Indiana

Involved the use of vegetated coir logs and other bioengineering materials to stabilize slopes on the river bank.

Mishawaka Riverwalk Planting Phase 1, 2, 3 (North & South Shore segment)

Mishawaka, Indiana

My responsibilities involved conceptual planting design, species selection and design of the practices used in the riparian corridor restoration. Practices include bioengineering techniques involving the integration of vegetation and geotextiles.

IPFW Campus Community Park Master Plan

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Design included restoration of diversity along the river bank and also involved habitat modification techniques for the control of Canada geese.

comprehensive planning projects

Town of North Manchester Comprehensive Master Plan

North Manchester, Indiana

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collaborations

Design Consultant

“Rockers” Garden Competition Installation Submittal

Jardins de Metis International Garden Festival, Quebec Canada (2015)

In collaboration with DW Works, Wendy Wang, Daniel Xu, founding partners
Watertown, MA

Design Consultant

Fernwood Botanical Garden Master Plan

Niles, Michigan (2014)

In collaboration with MTR Landscape Architects, LLC Pittsburgh, PA

Coordinator and Instructor

Sidewinder by Artist Patrick Dougherty

Purdue University Campus (2010-2011)

Collaboration with world renown artist, Patrick Dougherty on Purdue Campus in the construction of a large-scale sapling sculpture installation on the Purdue Campus. A (5) week course *Plants, Landscape and Art* involved students in the hands-on construction of the piece under the direction of the artist. Field work supplemented with lecture and discussion sessions that focused on the point of intersection between the disciplines of horticulture, landscape architecture, art, and design by presenting some of the many ways in which the qualities, characteristics and intricacies of plants have been used to create art in the landscape.

Design Consultant and Mentor

The Frank Lloyd Wright Samara House Arboretum: Revealing Stories of Architecture and Place through Living Collections at the Samara House Arboretum

West Lafayette, Indiana (2009-2010)

In collaboration with Dr. John Christian, Linda Eales (Samara House), & Camille Mahan, (Purdue University Honors Student)

Frank Lloyd Wright’s Samara House in West Lafayette, Indiana has a rich history, not only in terms of the house architecture, but as a cultural landscape as well. With the development of the site as an official Arboretum there was an opportunity to interpret the plant collections in a way that tells the story of this unique place, the architect who designed it and the family who inhabited it.

Consultant - Planting Design

Sowing Passageways Art Installation

Indianapolis Cultural Trail - Mass Avenue Alley Segment

Collaboration with conceptual artist Sean Derry on an art installation piece entitled, “Sowing Passageways”. Involved in concept development and responsible for project planting design.

Lead Designer

Heritage Garden Design Working Group

White River Gardens

Indianapolis, Indiana (1991 - 1993)

Lead designer on a project that involved collaborating with individuals from the Indianapolis Garden Club. The work involved extensive research into determining and locating historic and heirloom garden plant species for a turn of the century garden.

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select design project honors and awards

(as project manager or significant involvement while with REA)

- 2009 Honor Award, American Society of Landscape Architects, Indiana Chapter
Indianapolis Cultural Trail Phase I, REA
(lead designer, planting design)
- 2006 Merit Award, City of Indianapolis, A Monumental Affair Award
Department of Natural Resources Exhibit, Indiana State Fairgrounds, REA
(lead designer, planting design)
- 2005 Merit Award, American Society of Landscape Architects, Indiana Chapter
Indianapolis Art Center ARTSPARK, REA
- 2003 Merit Award, American Society of Landscape Architects, Indiana Chapter
Art and Journalism Building Courtyard, Ball State University, REA
- 2001 Merit Award, American Society of Landscape Architects
White River Gardens, Indianapolis Zoological Society, REA
(lead designer, planting design)
- 1999 Merit Award, American Society of Landscape Architects, Indiana Chapter
Ball Nurses Sunken Garden and Convalescent Park, IUPUI Campus,
Indianapolis, IN, REA
- 1999 Honor Award, American Society of Landscape Architects, Indiana Chapter
White River Gardens, Indianapolis Zoological Society, REA
(lead designer, planting design)
- 1999 Merit Award for Landscape Architecture, City of Indianapolis
A Monumental Affair Award, White River Gardens,
Indianapolis Zoological Society, REA
(lead designer, planting design)

service and engagement

- 2012-13 Member, Board of Directors, Fernwood Botanical Garden
- 2009-13 Member, Purdue Arboretum Internal Advisory Committee
Purdue University
- 2010-11 Member, Landscape Architecture Faculty Search Committee
Purdue University
- 2010-11 Coordinator, Landscape Architecture Program Spring Fest
Purdue University
- 2010 Coordinator, Landscape Architecture Program Outcomes and Assessment
Purdue University
- 2009-10 Member, LA Studio Renovations and Enhancements Committee
Purdue University
- 2006-08 Member, Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee
Ball State University
- 1993-94 ArKids Fest Organizing Committee
Columbus, Indiana

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professional development as an instructor

- 2011 Partnered with David Nelson at the Purdue Center for Instructional Excellence in developing a program of outcomes and assessment tools for Plants, Landscape, and Art course taught by Professor Hildner and involving a student hand-on collaboration with artist, Patrick Dougherty
- 2010 Workshop Participant: Generating, Deepening, and Documenting Learning and Critical Thinking: The Power of Critical Reflection Seminar
Patti H. Clayton, Facilitator
- 2009 Purdue Mentoring Institute Session
- 2009 Center for Instructional Excellence Workshop Sessions including:
- Designing Instruction: Where Do You Start?
 - Engaging Students Through Discussion
 - Using Subjective Tests and Assigning Grades
 - Using Objective Tests
 - Student Teacher Relationships
 - Presentation Techniques to Enhance Learning
 - Using Feedback and Assessment to Improve Your Teaching
 - University Policies and Procedures Related to Teaching

professional references

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