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e d u c a t i o n

Master of Landscape Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, 2010

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Louisiana State University, 1997

l i c e n s u r e

Landscape Architect, Oklahoma #0441

e x p e r i e n c e

a c a d e m i c

Lecturer, Landscape Architecture, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. (*Sep 2021 - present*) Taught foundational level studio to second-year and an implementation studio to third-year undergraduates.

Affiliate Faculty/Lecturer, Landscape Architecture, University of Oklahoma. (*Aug 2021-present*) Teach Garden History in Arezzo, Italy as part of Landscapes of Italy study abroad program.

Lecturer, Landscape Architecture, University of Oklahoma. (*Aug 2017 - July 2021*) Taught graduate-level studios, site engineering, landscape analog/digital graphics, and the history + theory of landscape architecture.

Instructor, Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture, LSU. (*Spring 2017*) Taught undergraduate site design studio and graduate landscape architecture analog/digital graphics course.

Lecturer, Landscape Architecture, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. (*Sep 2014 - Dec 2016*) Taught throughout the curriculum including site engineering, digital communications, foundational and upper division design studios, and professional practice.

Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture, University of Nebraska - Lincoln (*Aug 2011 - June 2014*) Taught landscape architectural site engineering and construction courses, interdisciplinary and disciplinary foundational design studios, ecological design studio, and an interdisciplinary service-learning studio in Ecuador.

p r o f e s s i o n a l

Design Consultant (*2020-2021*) Consulted with members of the Mewbourne College of Earth + Energy in the design and preparation of construction drawings for stone benches, pathways, and native pollinator gardens for the Jennifer Wise Butterfly Garden on the campus of University of Oklahoma. Betnar, B., Hoagland, B. design team.

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p r o f e s s i o n a l

Landscape Architect (2010-2011)

Produced design development + construction drawings for submittal including grading and planting design. Developed design strategies for projects and competitions in concert with principles on multi-disciplinary teams. Conducted construction observation on public works for Lee and Associates, Inc. in Washington, DC.

Partner - Principal Designer (2000 - 2003)

Designed and constructed landscape gardens, hardscape, and stone walls for various residential clients. Oversaw work crew, contractors, budget and marketing for Phoenix-Dragon Design-Build in Boulder, Colorado.

Landscape Architect - Draftsman (2002-2003)

Produced design and construction documents for government and client submittal. Assisted with co-ordination of consultants and selection of native plant materials for dKahn Studio, Eldorado Springs, Colorado.

Landscape Architect - Junior Planner (2001-2002, 1998-2000)

Prepared design and planning documents for winning \$52 million HUD grant. Worked with superiors to prepare numerous conceptual design plans, sketches, recreation plans, construction documents, and government reports for Winston Associates, Inc., Boulder, Colorado.

h o n o r s a n d a w a r d s

Award of Merit: Research, Central States ASLA Student Awards (2021). "*Designing for People and Planet: How Permaculture Could Redefine Urban Food Systems*". Graduate Project by Haley Powell. B. Betnar, Committee Chair.

Honorable Mention, EPA Campus Rainworks Challenge (2020). "*SimBluecity*". A. Golshan, B. Anderson, S. Shokoohi, Y. Yeh, students. B. Betnar, studio instructor.

Award of Excellence: Research, Oklahoma ASLA Student Awards (2020). "*The Urban Food Forest*". Graduate Project by Haley Powell. B. Betnar, Committee Chair.

Award of Merit: Research, Central States ASLA Student Awards (2020). "*El Spaces as Vital Civic Infrastructure*". Graduate Project by Niloufar Soltanimofrad. B. Betnar, Committee Chair.

Award of Merit: Research, Oklahoma ASLA Student Awards (2019). "*El Spaces as Vital Civic Infrastructure*". Graduate Project by Niloufar Soltanimofrad. B. Betnar, Committee Chair.

Award of Merit: Analysis + Planning, Central States ASLA Student Awards (2014). "*Scotts Bluff National Monument Trails Master Plan*". Completed at University of Nebraska, LA 412 studio in 2012, as part of a grant for the National Park Service Midwest Regional Office. B. Betnar, Co-PI and studio instructor.

Award of Excellence: Analysis + Planning, National ASLA Student Awards (2010). "*Sh*tscap: Mumbai's Landscape In-Between*". Betnar, B. Completed in LARP 700, University of Pennsylvania. Anuradha Mathur and Dilip DaCunha, faculty advisors.