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School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (tenured)
Auburn University

EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN URBAN DESIGN & PLANNING
University of Washington, 1997

MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING
City College of New York (Graduate Program in Urban Design), 1985

BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
University of Florida, 1983

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

AUBURN UNIVERSITY	1996-present
School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture	
Chair, Graduate Program in Community Planning	1997-2003, 2006-2012
Acting Chair, Graduate Program in Landscape Architecture	2008-2009
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY	1994-1996
Department of Urban Planning	

AWARDS

Outstanding Faculty Member, School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture, Auburn University (2007-2008).

RESEARCH: Publications

Sunnyside Gardens and Radburn: The Common Legacy and Divergent Experiences of Community Life, book chapter in *Iconic Planned Communities and The Challenge of Change*, edited by Mary Corbin Sies, Isabelle Gournay and Robert Freestone; University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019 (p. 217-237).

"From Garden City to Green City: The Legacy of Ebenezer Howard," book review in the *Journal of the American Planning Association* 69:4 (Autumn 2003), 450-451.

"Ecology and Design: Frameworks for Learning," book review in the *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 23:1 (Fall 2003), 113-115.

Housing War Workers: A Call to Arms and a Call to Duty, article in *Conference Proceedings of Meeting at the Edge: Curriculum and Learning*, the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2001 national conference, August 2002 (co-author).

Legacy of the Mill Town: Blue Mountain Saga Stirs Global Questions, article in *The Anniston Star*, October 2000 (co-author).

History in the Balance: Original Vision of the Model City is Worth Preserving in the New Millennium, article in *The Anniston Star*, December 1999 (co-author).

The Significant and the Profane: the Good and the Not-So-Good of Anniston's Urban Fabric, article in *The Anniston Star*, December 1999 (co-author).

Practical Idealism: Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. and the Modern American City Planning Movement, UMI Press: Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1997.

Planning and Professionalism: Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. and the Early Development of the American Planning Profession, article in ReCAP (Ball State University) Spring 1995: 23-25.

RESEARCH: Presentations

Planning for a Re-Vitalized and Re-Connected Smithfield (Birmingham, Alabama), International Making Cities Livable conference, June 2020 (paper accepted for presentation, but conference was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic).

Affordable and Connected Housing for a Resilient Birmingham (Alabama), International Making Cities Livable conference, June 2019.

Shaping Healthy, Ten-Minute Neighborhoods in Downtown Birmingham (Alabama), International Making Cities Livable conference, May 2018.

Towards a Connectivity Plan for Downtown Birmingham, project presented in AU's This is Research SHOWCASE: The Work of Creative Scholarship exhibit (JCSM, September/October 2016) and in online exhibition (September 2016).

Towards a Connectivity Plan for Downtown Birmingham, poster presentation at AU's This is Research: Faculty Symposia, September 2016.

Shaping a Healthier Birmingham (Alabama) Through Enhanced Connectivity, International Making Cities Livable conference, July 2015.

Shared Space and Shared Lives: Assessing the Nature and Experience of Community Life in Sunnyside Gardens and Radburn, biennial conference of the Society for American City and Regional Planning History (national), November 2011.

The Resilient Cultural Ecology of Sunnyside Gardens, biennial conference of the Society for American City and Regional Planning History (national), October 2009.

An Ecology of Inhabitation: Managing Change and Sustaining Place in Sunnyside Gardens, biennial conference of the International Planning History Society, July 2008.

Shall We Designate? The Preservation of Dynamic Balance in Sunnyside Gardens, biennial conference of the Society for American City and Regional Planning History (national), October 2007.

An Architecture of Community: The Social Promise of Sunnyside Gardens, annual conference of the Southeast Chapter of the Society for Architectural Historians, September 2006.

An Ecology of Planning: The Evolution of Shared Governance in Sunnyside Gardens, Eleventh Biennial Conference on American Planning History, October 2005.

The Promise of Place: Sustaining the sub-Urbanism of Sunnyside Gardens, New Visions of Suburban Life: An Interdisciplinary Conference, Hofstra University, March 2005.

The Human Ecology of Sunnyside Gardens: Investigating a Neighborhood Ecosystem, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning national conference, October 2004.

The Realization of Promise in Community Design: Housing War Workers in America, Ninth Biennial Conference on American Planning History, November 2001.

Community Planning During Wartime: the United States Housing Corporation, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning national conference, November 2000.

The Thoughts of the Younger Olmsted on a City Planning Profession, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning national conference, November 1997.

To Be or Not To Be (A Profession), Seventh Biennial Conference on American Planning History, October 1997.

The Olmsteds and the Professionalization of Planning, Sixth Biennial Conference on American Planning History, October 1995.

Defining the Art and Science of Planning: The Pioneering Role of Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. in the Modern American City Planning Movement and the Early Development of the Planning Profession, Fifth Biennial Conference on American Planning History, October 1993.

RESEARCH: Manuscript Reviews (invited)

Wish Landscapes and Garden Cities: the Utopian Function of Green Imagery in Urban Reform, book proposal/manuscript submitted to Routledge for publication in their Landscape Architecture, Built Environment Research & Product Design series (publisher decision pending).

Huntsville, the Highway, and Urban Redevelopment: The Long Road to Connect Downtown Huntsville, Alabama to the Interstate Highway System, unpublished article manuscript submitted to Journal of Planning History, December 2010.

Civis Romanus Sum: The Self-conscious Romanita of the Garbatella, unpublished article manuscript submitted to Annali D'Italianista, September 2009.

A Battle of the Giants: Politics, Planning and Creativity---Frank Lloyd Wright Meets John W. McCormick, unpublished article manuscript submitted to the Journal of Planning History, September 2002.

RESEARCH + OUTREACH: Grants + Funded Projects

Towards Walkability for Downtown Birmingham, proposal funded by the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham's Philip A. Morris Fund for the Design Arts (\$17,000; project comprised public lecture and workshop given by Jeff Speck, walkability expert), November 2020 (co-author with Alex Krumdieck).

Developing a Model Community for Aging in Place in East Lake (Birmingham, AL), proposal submitted to Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (\$70,000; not funded; co-principal investigator, with Alex Krumdieck).

Growing Resilience in Birmingham: Framework to Implementation, funded by the AU College of Architecture, Design and Construction Seed Grant Program (\$4,000), November 2017 (principal investigator).

Connectivity Plan for Downtown Birmingham, project funded by the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham (\$29,000), January – December 2015 (principal investigator).

Watershed Planning for Prichard & Smart Code Implementation for Bayou La Batre, projects funded by the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (\$30,000), October 2009 – May 2010 (principal investigator).

Small Town and Rural Counties Design and Planning Initiative, funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission (\$350,000), September 2007 – August 2009 (co-principal investigator).

The Human Ecology of Sunnyside Gardens: Investigating a Neighborhood Ecosystem, funded by the AU College of Architecture, Design and Construction Seed Grant Program (\$3,000), May 2004 (principal investigator).

Housing War Workers, funded by the AU College of Architecture, Design and Construction Seed Grant Program (\$4,000), June 2001 (co-principal investigator).

Cahaba River Watershed Study, funded by the Linn-Henley Charitable Trust (\$50,000), 1998-2001 (co-principal investigator).

OUTREACH: Funded Projects

Opelika Road Corridor Redevelopment Plan, Auburn, Alabama (\$15,000); City of Auburn funding for research assistants to assist with completion of project, 2009-2010.

Black Freedmen's Living Historical Farm for Children, Furman, Alabama (\$15,000); Auburn University Outreach grant, 2000-04.

Sustainable Eufaula: Strategic Master Plan, Eufaula, Alabama (\$20,000); municipal grant, 2001-02.

Clanton Civic Center Design Feasibility Study, Clanton, Alabama (\$10,000); municipal grant, summer 2001.

Boy Scout Regional Headquarters Design Feasibility Study, Birmingham, Alabama; organization grant, spring 2001.

Dixie Neighborhood Downtown Revitalization Workshop, Dothan, Alabama (\$1,000); citizen advisory group funding, May 1999.

OUTREACH: Studio Projects

Opelika Road Corridor Redevelopment Plan (Auburn), fall 2010 and spring 2011.

Building an Urban Village: Transit-Oriented Development for Hudson? (Montgomery), spring 2008.

Towards an Architecture of Place: Making the Town Center of Hudson (Montgomery), fall 2007.

Measuring Sprawl in Auburn, spring 2006.

Town Creek Watershed Civic Ecology Studio (Auburn), co-instructor for joint planning and landscape architecture studio, spring 2001.

Parkerson Mill Creek Watershed Ecological Planning Studio (Lee County, Alabama), spring 2000.

Dauphin Island Ecological Planning Remote Studio (Dauphin Island, Alabama), co-instructor for joint planning and landscape architecture studio, spring 1999.

Baldwin County Land Planning Studio (Foley, Alabama), spring 1998.

Auburn Greenways Studio (Auburn), co-instructor for joint planning and landscape architecture studio, fall 1997.

Dadeville Downtown Revitalization Studio (Dadeville, Alabama), joint planning and landscape architecture studio, summer 1997.

OUTREACH: Exhibitions

An Ecological Design Approach to Conservation and Development, Dudley Gallery; student work for Town Creek Watershed Civic Ecology studio, August – September 2001 (director).

Sighting the Site: First Year Design Process, Dudley Gallery; student work for Black Freedmen's Living Historical Farm for Children project, September 2000 (co-director).

OUTREACH: Awards

Outstanding Media Coverage (nominee), presented by the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association, May 2001.

Gertrude Williams Award for Historic Preservation (co-winners with The Anniston Star), presented by the City of Anniston, Alabama, May 2000.

OUTREACH + SERVICE: Professional + Public

Independent Citizens Task Force on Planning and Development in Downtown Auburn (invited participant); Auburn, Alabama (Spring 2016).

Community Design Workshop addressing downtown connectivity, Pensacola, FL (invited participant); sponsored by Northwest Florida AIA chapter (May 2104).

Walkable Streets, Sustainable Places: Reducing Energy Demand Through Good Community Design, (invited) presentation to the 2007-2008 Energy Colloquium, Lebanon Valley College, February 2008.

Design Alabama Mayors' Design Summit, (invited) participant, March 2008.

Partnership for a Livable Auburn Community Environment (PLACE), president and founding member, 2000-2005.

Historic Preservation Commission (Auburn, Alabama), charter member, 1999-2002.

Preserving the Founding Vision: Smart Growth for Anniston, (invited) presentation at Smart Growth Conference, co-sponsored by East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission and Jacksonville State University, June 2001.

Greenways Task Force (Auburn, Alabama), appointed member, 1999-2001.

Auburn: Choices for the Future, growth forums sponsored by Partnership for a Livable Auburn Community Environment, September 2001.

The Perils of Smart Growth: Losing the Civic Identity, (invited) presentation to League of Women Voters, Auburn Chapter, October 2000.

Town Creek Park Design Workshop, (invited) participant and team leader (Auburn, Alabama), July 2000.

The Takings Movement and What It Means for Your Community, (invited) presentation at Alabama Planning Institute, continuing education workshop, March 1999.

Greenways for Auburn, (invited) presentation to League of Women Voters, Auburn Chapter, February 1999.

West Alabama Preservation Workshop, (invited) presentation at Auburn University Rural Studio, July 1998.

Alabama Chapter of American Planning Association, co-hosted annual conference, March 1998.

Technical Advisory Committee, member, Lee-Russell Council of Governments (LRCOG), 1997-2003.

Maintaining a Healthy Downtown for Dadeville, (invited) presentation to Dadeville Kiwanis Club (Dadeville, Alabama), October 1997.

SERVICE: Academic

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Core Curriculum and General Education Committee	2016-2019
Campus Master Plan Update Committee	2012-2015
Water Resources Research Council, Environmental Institute	2001-2007
Administrative Board, Environmental Institute	2002-2006

Graduate Council (College of Architecture, Design and Construction representative)	2003-2006
University Senate (School of Architecture senator)	2002-2005
Campus Master Plan Committee	2001-2003

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Research Council	2010-present
Curriculum Committee	2012-present
Graduate Program Officers Committee	2009-2014
Seed Grant Review Committee	2006-2008
Associate Dean Search Committee	2006-2007
Semester Transition Task Force	1997-1999
Priorities and Goals Committee	1996-1998
Strategic Plan Committee	1996-1998
Faculty Budget Committee	1996-1998

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

ENVD Faculty Search Committee	2019-2020
ENVD Visiting Faculty Search Committee	2017-2018
Facilities Committee	2013-2018
Urban Studio Ad-Hoc Task Force	2013-2014
Graduate Program Officer	1997-2003, 2006-2014
Planning Faculty Search Committee(s), Chair	2010-2011, 2011-2012
Communications Committee	2011-2012
International Studies Evaluation Committee	2011-2012
P+T Appendix Ad-Hoc Committee	2010-2011
School Head Search Committee	2005-2007
Planning Faculty Search Committee, Chair	2005-2006
Writing Awards Committee	2004-2006
Urban Design Search Committee	2002-2003
Landscape Architecture Search Committee	2002-2003, 2007-2008
Curriculum Committee	1997-2001
Information Technology Task Force	1996-1997

COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM

Chair (Program Administrator)	1997-2003, 2006-2012
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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

Acting Chair (Program Administrator)	2008-2009
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SERVICE: Professional

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING HISTORY (SACRPH)

Member, Catherine Bauer Wurster Prize award committee	2009-2010
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Community-Based Projects Program, Ball State University

Urban design and land planning for university-sponsored community outreach projects, 1994-1996.

Planning Department, City of Seattle

Open space and neighborhood planning, 1989-1992.

Department of City Planning, Manhattan Office, City of New York

Urban planning and development review, 1986-1988.

Eisenman/Robertson Architects + Design Development Resources, New York, NY

Urban design and site planning, 1984-1986.

Gulfstream Land and Development Corporation, Plantation, Florida
Land planning and site design, 1983-84.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Landscape Architecture: State of Florida, 1983 (currently inactive).