

ISAAC COHEN ASLA

EDUCATION

University of Virginia | 2013 - Master of Landscape Architecture
Vassar College | 2004 - Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Studio Art

WORK

Studio Outside Landscape Architecture | 2017 - 2022, Associate

Eskew Dumez Ripple | 2016 – 2017, Research Fellow - The Civil Landscape

buildingcommunityWORKSHOP | 2013 – 2016, Community Engaged Design, Research, & Landscape Architecture, as a Public Designer

A Spatial Practice | 2011 – Present, Co-founder, Design Research and Activism

Office of the Architect, University of Virginia | Summer 2011 Intern - fieldwork, GIS tree surveying, master planning

Seattle Parks Foundation | 2004 – 2010

Parks Advocacy, Fundraising, & Community Engagement, as a Development & Communications Manager

TEACHING

University of Texas at Austin | Spring 2022

- Visiting Critic of Landscape Architecture - Co-instructor - Landscape Studio IV - El Paso on Structure w/ Adam Barbe, Lecturer, Gwendolyn Cohen, and Tary Arterburn

University of Texas at Austin | Spring 2021

- Visiting Critic of Landscape Architecture - Co-instructor - Landscape Studio IV - El Paso on Structure w/ Associate Professor Hope Hasbrook, Gwendolyn Cohen, Matt Nicolette, and Tary Arterburn
- Invited Recurring Critic - Landscape Studio VI - Prairie Time: Growing Dallas's Green Quilt w/ Assistant Professor Maggie Hansen

Overlook Farm Field School, University of Oregon Department of Landscape Architecture | Summer 2019
Studio Instructor and Artist-in-Residence w/ Gwendolyn Cohen

University of Texas at Arlington | Spring 2019 - Adjunct Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture
Co-instructor - Landscape Studio IV - The Prairie's Yield w/ Gwendolyn Cohen and Assistant Professor Dr. Joowon Im

University of Virginia School of Architecture | 2011 - Teaching Assistant for Assistant Professor Dr. Alison Hirsch's History of Landscape Architecture

AWARDS & HONORS

- Honor Award for Planning & Analysis | 2019 American Association of Landscape Architecture for Girl Scout Property Planning: National to Local Strategies, with Studio Outside
- Honor Award for Planning | 2019 American Association of Landscape Architecture Texas Chapter for Camp La Jita Master Plan, with Studio Outside
- Merit Award for Communication | 2016 American Association of Landscape Architecture Texas Chapter for Forest Hills Neighborhood Urban Forest Plan with Gwendolyn Cohen
- Great Places Research Award | 2015 Environmental Design Research Association for Race & the Control of Public Parks project completed at buildingcommunityWORKSHOP
- Honor Award for Research | 2015 American Association of Landscape Architecture Texas Chapter for Race & the Control of Public Parks project completed at buildingcommunityWORKSHOP
- Finalist Field Constructs Design Competition Austin, Texas | 2015 - for S(p)oil Cores w/ Gwen Cohen, Maggie Winter, and Chris Kiahtipes
- jury selection Theatrum Mundi's Design for Free Speech Competition | 2014 for NEW-STAND w/ Liz Parker, exhibited in partnership with AIA New York at the Center for Architecture
- Winner SXSW Eco Place by Design : 2014 Little Free Libraries/Libros Libres with buildingcommunityWORKSHOP

- University Olmsted Scholar University of Virginia Landscape Architecture Department | 2013 - displaying exceptional leadership potential by using ideas, influence, communication, and service to advance the discipline
- nominee ASLA Student Award for the University of Virginia | 2013
- recipient 2013 Valmarana Family Summer Fellowship to study in Venice, Italy
- recipient 2012 Benjamin C Howland Traveling Fellowship to study Eruv in 5 American cities
- recipient Harry Porter Scholarship in honor of the founder of the University of Virginia Department of Landscape Architecture

PUBLICATIONS

- article Swamp Thing: Smart Grid, Smarter Water Management in New Orleans, LA in Water Index, University of Virginia and Actar Inc., 2016, edited by Seth McDowell
- article An Eruv in the Contemporary City w/ Isaac Hametz and Rae Vassar in OUT OF THE LOOP Vernacular Architecture Forum Chicago, 2015 edited by Virginia B. Price, David A. Spatz, and D. Bradford Hunt
- chapter Expanding Eruv: Urban Typologies and the Making of Jewish Space in It's a Thin Line : Eruv from Talmudic to Modern Culture, edited by Adam Mintz, Ktav Publishing House, Brooklyn, NY, 2014
- article Swamp Thing:Smart Grid in Lunch Vol. 8, University of Virginia School of Architecture, 2013
- article Expanding Eruv : Semiotics, Infrastructure, and the Making of Jewish Space in Catalyst: Conditions, Actar & University of Virginia School of Architecture, 2013
- featured project Backbone Market in Catalyst: Conditions, Actar & University of Virginia School of Architecture
- article Eruv - The Social Production of Space in Jewish Culture in ARCH + 213: Out of Balance - Critique of the Present, ARCH + Verlag GmbH, Kurbrunnenstr. 22, 52066 Aachen 2013

EXHIBITS

- Race & the Control of Public Park - University of Virginia School of Architecture Emalah Gallery | October - November 2016
- Race & the Control of Public Park - buildingcommunityWORKSHOP mobile gallery, Continental Bridge Park November 2014
- Expanding Eruv : Semiotics, Infrastructure, and the Making of Jewish Space - work culminating from the 2012 Howland Traveling Fellowship East Wing Gallery, University of Virginia School of Architecture | Charlottesville, VA | 2013
- This Token Partnership : The Materiality of a Jewish Spatial Practice in Shaping Community : Poetics and Politics with Ellen Rothenberg - Yale University, curated by Margaret Olin | 2013
- Swamp Thing:Smart Grid European Landscape Biennial: International Exhibition of University Student Projects Biennial Europea de Paisatge | Barcelona, Spain | 2012

TOURS & PRESENTATION

- presentation Learning the Stories of Plants and People Presentation with Gwendolyn Cohen,American Public Gardens Association Conference | forthcoming June 2022
- presentation Engagement, Ecology, & Excitement: Contemporary Considerations in Garden Master Planning with Gwendolyn Cohen and Tary Arterburn American Public Gardens Association Symposia | forthcoming March 2022
- panelist Place Based: How Regional Firms are Leveraging Local Knowledge for Social Change - 2019 American Society of Landscape Architects Nation Conventions w/ Mia Lehrer, Studio MLA; Isaac Hametz, Mahan Rykiel; & Alison Hirsch, USC School of Architecture
- presentation Race & the Control of Public Parks - September 2019 National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference - with Lizzie MacWillie, buildingcommunityWORKSHOP

- panelist Harold Simmons Park Community Development Forum - March 2019 w/ Raul Reyes Jr., West Dallas One, Darren James FAIA, Board Member Trinity Park Conservancy, Andrea Batista Schlesinger, Partner HR&A Advisors
- panelist The Trinity: The Intersectionality of Race, Opportunity, & Public Space w/ Jerry Hawkins of Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation & Lizzie MacWillie of bcWORKSHOP
- panelist Smart Growth For Dallas - Race, Ethnicity, and Access to Parks hosted by the Trust for Public Land, June 2018 - Moderator by Alfreda Norma, Senior Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas w/ Bobby Abtahi, President, Dallas Park and Recreation Board, Yui Iwase, New Roots Coordinator for the International Rescue Committee, Delia Jasso, Former City Councilmember, Past Vice President of Dallas Park and Recreation Board, Tri-Chair of Friends of Dallas Parks
- panelist Place Acts: Some Methods, Applications and Practices in Community-Engaged Work - Imagining America Nation Conference 2016 w/ Mallika Bose Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, Penn State University, Beth Haskovec is Executive Director of Artists Working in Education, Tim Raphael is associate professor of Arts, Culture and Media at Rutgers University-Newark, Michael Frisch is Professor of History & American Studies/ Senior Research Scholar at the University at Buffalo, SUNY, & Arijit Sen Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
- panelist The Social Initiative @ the Dallas Center for Architecture, February 2016 moderated by Bob Harris, a Partner with Lake|Flato Architects
- tour contributor OUT OF THE LOOP Vernacular Architecture Forum Chicago, 2015 - Tour 5 Intertwined Cultures along Devon Avenue w/ Arijit Sen, Associate Professor UW Milwaukee, Jennifer Harrman, & Cynthia Anderson
- presentation Turtle Creek an Urban History Texas ASLA Convention April 2014:
- presentation Colonias and Choice as a Vehicle for Change at Environmental Design Research Association Conference May 2014: w/ Lisa Neergaard, bcWORKSHOP
- presentation Eruv: Embracing Time and Space at the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference Austin, TX March 2013
- presentation Expanding Eruv: Urban Typologies and Making of Jewish Space at The Mystery and History of The Eruv: A Symposium at the Center for Jewish History in New York City October 2012

LECTURE, CRITIC, & WORKSHOP

- invited critic - Landscape Studio VI - w/ Assistant Professor Maggie Hansen - Spring 2022
- invited final review critic - Auburn University Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Studio I: LAND 1110 - November 2021
- workshop & tour leader - Sweetpass Sculpture School focusing on the Blackland Prairie - Dallas, Texas w/ Gwen Cohen and Maggie Hansen - July 2021
- invited final review critic - Auburn University Master of Landscape Architecture Studio IV: The Delta and The Bay - May 2021
- invited lecture - Values in Landscape Architecture - Masters of Landscape Architecture Green New Deal Graduate Seminar - Ohio State University Knowlton School - March 2021
- workshop leader w/ Arijit Sen, Associate Professor UW Milwaukee Centering Care as a Driver for Design & Research at the Design Futures Student Leadership Forum 2018 at the University of Detroit Mercy
- invited guest critic - Master of Design and Innovation, Southern Methodist University 2018
- guest lecture - Design and the Public Realm - Site Strategies for Architects Fall 2016, Instructor Maggie Hansen, Tulane School of Architecture
- workshop leader w/ Thor Erickson [bc] Methods For Designing With Communities at the Design Futures Student Leadership Forum 2016 at the University of Virginia
- invited lecture - Eruv as a Concept of Home - Topics in American Women's History : Home as an Idea and a Place, University of Texas at Dallas

- guest lecture for Associate Professor Arijit Sen's class Architecture and Human Behavior 2016, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- workshop leader w/ Gray Garmon, Victoria Wilson, and Kate Canales Paul Quinn College and Southern Methodist University One Day Design Challenge 2015 – Food Security in Southern Dallas
- workshop leader w/ Jennifer Mayfield OK, GO: Entering a Place / Getting Conversation Started / Identifying Need / Scaling Work at the Design Futures Student Leadership Forum 2015 at the University of Kansas
- guest lecture for Associate Professor Arijit Sen's class Architecture and Human Behavior 2015, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- guest lecture - Water as a Design Element, Masters of Innovation and Design Lecture Series, Southern Methodist University
- participant Visualizing Venice digital visualization workshop 2013: The Ghetto of Venice - Duke University and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Venice International University

SERVICE

- Art Selection Committee Member, City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture : Memorial for Victims of Racial Violence 2020 - 2021
- ULI Technical Assistance Panel Participant 2019 - The Forest District, Dallas, Texas
- The Design Society, Dallas Architecture Forum 2017 - today
- Lecture and Panel Committee, Dallas Architecture Forum 2017 - today
- National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grant Review Panel Member 2017
- Design Award Jury, American Society of Landscape Architects Texas Chapter 2015
- President Student Association of Landscape Architects 2011 - 2012
- Selection Committee Member South Lake Union Public Art Committee 2008
- Board Member Cal Anderson Park Alliance, Seattle, Washington 2007 - 2010

SELECT PROJECTS

Landscape Design & Planning @ Studio Outside

- Marsh Botanic Garden Master Plan - Yale University, New Haven, CT 2021 - Ongoing
- Forth Worth Botanic Garden & Botanic Research Institute of Texas Master Plan - Fort Worth, TX 2021 - Ongoing
- Fair Park Signature Community Park - Dallas, TX 2020 - Ongoing in collaboration w/ Studio MLA
- Dallas Water Gardens - Dallas, TX 2020 - Ongoing
- Hattie R Moore Park Master Plan - Dallas, TX 2019 - Ongoing
- South Oak Cliff Renaissance Park - Dallas, TX 2019 - 2021
- Garland Downtown Square and Streetscape - Garland, TX 2019 - Ongoing
- Harold Simmons Park Mobility & Connectivity Planning - Dallas, TX 2019 - 2020
- Girl Scout Camp La Jita Master Plan and Phase 1 - Utopia, TX 2018 - Ongoing
- Santa Fe Trail Master Plan - Dallas, TX 2018 - Ongoing
- Sharock Niblo Park Master Plan - Dallas, TX 2018
- Girl Scouts of the USA National Property Planning Symposium - Dallas, TX 2017
- Grand Prairie Civic Center Master Plan and Phase 1 & 3 construction - Grand Prairie, TX 2017 - 2022

Research, Advocacy, & Community Engaged Design @ buildingcommunityWORKSHOP

- Smart Growth for Dallas w/ The Trust for Public Land - Citywide Park Planning tool for Equitable Park Development - 2015 - 2016
- Activating Vacancy in the Tenth Street Historic District - The Ark on Noah Street, Story Corners, Ghost Bridges, Show Hill Biz Market, Dear House, Tenth Street Sweep - 2014 - funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts
- Little Free Libraries/Libros Libres - South Dallas/Fair Park & West Dallas -2014 (13 projects) , south Oak Cliff - 2015 (7 projects), private foundation grant funded
- Community Audited Public Space - Henderson Neighborhood - 2014, Tenth Street Historic District - 2015, Downtown Dallas - 2017
- Forest Hill Neighborhood Urban Forest Plan, Dallas, TX - 2015
- Race & the Control of Public Parks 2014 - 2015, private grant funded research
- Turtle Creek an Urban History - 2013

Advocacy, Communications, Engagement, & Fundraising @ Seattle Park Foundation

- Lake Union Park, Seattle, WA - 2010
- Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop Trail, Seattle, WA - 2010
- Junction Plaza Park, Seattle, WA - 2010
- Bands of Green Report - 2007
- Homer Harris Park, Seattle, WA - 2007
- Bailey Gatzert Elementary School Master Plan, Seattle, WA - 2005