

HELENA STARNES

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EDUCATION

master of landscape architecture [auburn university | 2024]

bachelor of science in biology [william & mary | 2008]

associate of applied science in horticulture [tidewater community college | 2021]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

landscape architecture intern [schoel engineering | alabama | 2023]

supported project development at various stages, including conceptual design, illustrative rendering, informational graphics, planting design, and the drafting of construction documents in AutoCAD

landscape architecture intern [hillworks | alabama | 2022]

created illustrative graphics and visually compelling narratives for community outreach and project advocacy

animal care specialist + area supervisor [busch gardens | virginia | 2010 – 2020]

promoted conservation education by conducting tours, media presentations, and educational shows for groups of up to 650
worked with a team to maintain the behavior and health of wolves, birds of prey, and other ambassador animal species
supervised seasonal employees to ensure compliance with standards for conduct and animal care

AWARDS

academic award of merit [ASLA alabama chapter | 2024]

student award of excellence [ASLA alabama chapter | 2023]

urban design: "Second Line Park" new orleans, LA

student award of honor [ASLA alabama chapter | 2023]

analysis and planning: "Perdido Bay Strategic Plan for Education and Research" orange beach, AL

graduate academic scholarship [sigma lambda alpha | 2023]

charlene lebleu endowed scholarship [auburn university | 2023]

animal enrichment grant [seaworld parks and entertainment | 2013 | \$1,000]

degree with *magna cum laude* distinction [william & mary | 2008]

monroe scholar [william & mary | 2005]

PRESENTATIONS + WRITINGS + RESEARCH

“Postcards of Public Spaces” [*mid-american college art association conference* | 2024]

co-presentation of academic work and instructional approach with isaac cohen
session: “exploring the art of ‘thinking through making’”

graduate research assistant [*auburn university landscape architecture department* | 2021 – 2024]

created interpretive maps of coastal systems and sediment movement in the US for the Dredge Research Collaborative to use as a consultant to the US Army Corps of Engineers [rob holmes]

compiled and analyzed data for research projects [charlene lebleu]
created graphics for use in professional publications and presentations

“I’d Foot That: Challenges and Successes in Enriching Birds of Prey” [2015]

researched conducted and paper co-authored with jennifer lafountaine
presented at the animal behavior management alliance international conference

INVITED CRITIC

BLA 1 studio mid-review [*auburn university* | *fall 2023*]

invited by professors Frank Hu and Sarah Coleman

MLA 1 studio final review [*auburn university* | *summer 2024*]

invited by professors Sarah Coleman and Emily Knox