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EDUCATION

University of California Berkeley
2014

PH.D. IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
Dissertation Title: The Topography of Wellness
Committee: Louise Mazingo, Michael Southworth, William Satariano

University of California Berkeley
2009

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Tulane University
2003-2004

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE/
MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE
Certificate in Historic Preservation

REGISTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

REGISTERED ARCHITECT

Louisiana, License No. 7908

EXPERIENCE

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
School of Architecture
College of Arts, Media, and Design
2018-present

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR + UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Affiliate Faculty, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Global Resilience Institute, and Health, Humanities, and Society Program
Faculty Scholar, Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research and Community2Community Impact Engine
Co-Founder, Health & Wellness Design Lab at Center for Design

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
School of Architecture + Planning
August-December 2020

LECTURER

M Arch/SMArchS Options Studio: Pandemic Resilient Schools
Co-instructors: John Ochsendorf and Michael Murphy

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I at MĀNOA
2014-2018

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Joint appointment in the School of Architecture and Office of Public Health Studies (Social and Behavioral Health program)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Dumbarton Oaks Research Library
Washington, DC; January-May 2017

MELLON FELLOW IN URBAN LANDSCAPE STUDIES

Semester-long residential fellowship to research and write book The Topography of Wellness (see Publications).

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY**
College of Environmental Design
2007-2013

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Graduate School of Architecture,
Planning, and Preservation
2012

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY**
College of Environmental Design
2010

**SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING AND
URBAN RESEARCH (SPUR)**
2008

BLITCH KNEVEL ARCHITECTS
New Orleans, LA
2004-2007

PEREZ, APC
New Orleans, LA
2001-2003

**SOUTHEASTERN ARCHITECTURAL
ARCHIVE**
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
2001-2003

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Carr, S.J.; The Topography of Wellness: Health and American Urban Landscape. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2021.

Award of Excellence in Communications, American Society of Landscape Architects

Winner, John Brinckerhoff Jackson Book Prize (Center for Cultural Landscapes)

Special Jury Recognition, Boston Society of Landscape Architects (BSLA) Design Awards

Honorable Mention, Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) Places Book Award

INSTRUCTOR

People and Environmental Design (ED1)

Computer Applications in Environmental Design (LA132)

Methods of Teaching in City and Regional Planning (CP300)

ASSOCIATE FACULTY

Learning Cities/Smarter Regions Urban Design Studio

TEACHING FACULTY, STUDIO COORDINATOR

[IN]ARCH and [IN]LAND Summer Institutes

Administrator for students, faculty, and staff for summer career exploration program.

Designed curriculum schedule; coordinated guest speakers, instructors, and reviews;

organized field trips, and assisted with design of studio assignments.

PIERO N. PATRI FELLOW IN URBAN DESIGN

Received national summer fellowship to research and design a waterfront site in San Francisco. Conducted interviews with local stakeholders, analyzed spatial and economic data for neighborhood, and proposed a recreation and development plan for site.

INTERN ARCHITECT/ PROJECT ARCHITECT

Selected projects: Louisiana State University Hospital Interim Facility and Level 1

Trauma Unit (New Orleans, LA)

Louisiana State University Hospital Medical Office Building

(New Orleans, LA)

University of New Orleans Pontchartrain Hall Student Housing

(New Orleans, LA)

INTERN ARCHITECT

Selected projects: Nachitoches Events Center (Nachitoches, LA)

Housing Authority of New Orleans Mazant Royal Housing (New Orleans, LA)

700 Camp Street Renovations (New Orleans, LA)

ASSISTANT TO CURATOR

Assisted curator in researching and designing exhibitions, maintaining archives, and

archive acquisition

ARTICLES (*denotes peer reviewed)

Carr, S.J., with Andrea Roberts, Brent Sturlaugson, Nick Axel, Lori Brown, Łukasz Stanek, DK Osseo-Asare, Anna Livia Brand, Rashida Ng, Vita Wells, Kounkuey Design Initiative, Melanie Samson, Where Is My Land, "Field Notes on Repair: 7," Places Journal, November 2024.

Carr, S.J., "Parks, Politics, and the Public: Boston's Franklin Park: Olmsted, Recreation, and the Modern City," (Book Review), Landscape Architecture Magazine, October 2024, 152-158.

Carr, S.J., "Parks as Prescription: The Intertwined Histories of Public Parks and Public Health," OZ Journal, Vol. 46, 2024, 10-14.

Hobart, H.J.K., Fujikane, C., Hogue, R., **Carr, S.J.**, Rees, J., "'Cooling the Tropics: Ice, Indigeneity, and Hawaiian Refreshment," H-Environment Roundtable, Vol. 14(5), 2024.

Arnold Mages, M., Ciliotta Chehade, E., **Carr, S.J.**, Kim, M., Mello, S., "Resurrecting Carvings in Stone: Deploying Design Research Methods for Public Health Investigations in the Age of COVID-19," Design for Health, Vol. 7(2), 2023.

Carr, S.J., "Designing Landscape Architectural Education: Studio Ecologies for Unpredictable Futures" (Book Review), Landscape Architecture Magazine, June 2023, 100-108.

Carr, S.J., with Brandi T. Summers, Jeremy Till, Peggy Deamer, Jeffrey Hou, Daniel A. Barber, Dahlia Nduom, James Graham, Nora Wendl, Cassim Shepard, Andrea Roberts, David Theodore, "Field Notes on Design Activism: 2," Places Journal, November 2022.

Carr, S.J., McIntosh, A., Ochsendorf, J., and Murphy, M., "Schools that Breathe: Studio Education in the Pandemic," Journal of Architectural Education: Health, Spring 2022.*

Carr, S.J., with Margaret Crawford, John Stilgoe, George E. Thomas, Susan Snyder, Alejandro Echeverri, Ethan Carr, Alex Krieger, Silvia Benedito, Nicole Lambrou, Christopher Hawthorne & Lizbeth Cohen, "Call & Response: What is the most important public space worth preserving now?" Harvard Design Magazine 49: Publics, Fall/Winter 2021.

Carr, S.J., "Water is Wealth: occupation and erasure in Honolulu's urban landscape and its ecological future," Places Journal, October 2021.

Carr, S.J.; "Alien Landscapes: NASA, Hawai'i, and interplanetary occupation," The Avery Review, Columbia University Press, December 2020.*

Carr, S.J., "Uncertain Space: data illusions and the chorography of chronic disease," Projections Vol. 15: Practices of Health in Unruly Environments, Journal of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT Press, Fall 2020.*

Carr, S.J.; "Corporeal Ecologies," LA+ Journal: Vitality, University of Pennsylvania Interdisciplinary Journal of Landscape Architecture, February 2020.*

Hafoka, S. and **Carr, S.J.**; "Facilitators and Barriers to Being Physically Active in a Rural Hawai'i Community: A Photovoice Perspective," Asia Pacific Nursing Journal, January 2019*

Carr, S.J.; "Building Well-Being: Linking the built environment to health," Hawai'i Journal of Medicine and Public Health, December 2015.

Zusman, E.E., **Carr, S.J.**, Robinson, J. et al. "Moving towards implementation: the potential for accountable care organizations and private-public partnerships to advance active neighborhood design," Preventive Medicine, Spring 2015*

BOOK CHAPTERS and EDITED VOLUME ENTRIES (*denotes peer reviewed)

Carr, S.J. "Reconsider the Street," The Pandemic Effect: Ninety Experts on Immunizing the Built Environment, Blaine Brownell, ed., New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 2023.

Carr, S.J. "Pollution," Keywords for Health Humanities, Sari Altschuler, Priscilla Wald, and Jonathan Metzl (eds.), New York: New York University Press, 2023.

Carr, S.J.; "Quarantine, eradication, and prescription: how health segregated the American urban landscape," in Spatial Inequalities and Segregation in the Urban Landscape. Thaisa Way, (ed.) Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2023.

Carr, S.J.; "Ecology to pathology: 'scientific' architecture, health, and American public housing landscapes," In Landscapes of Housing. Jeanne Haffner (ed.), Routledge, 2021.

Carr, S.J.; "Imagining Islais Creek: Integrating ecological and human health in San Francisco," In Case Study Strategies for Architects and Designers: Integrative Data Research Methods. Magi Sarvimaki, (ed.) Routledge, 2016.

Carr, S.J and Lassiter, A.; "Big Data, Small Apps: Premises and products of the civic hackathon," in Seeing Cities Through Big Data: Research, Methods and Applications in Urban Informatics. P. Thakuria and N. Tilahun, and M. Zellner, (eds.). Springer 2016.*

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Carr, S.J., and Rubio, R.G. (eds.) ACSA 113th Annual Meeting: Repair. Washington, DC: Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, 2025.

Carr, S.J., Faircloth, B., Frumkin, H. (eds.) ACSA/ASPPH Fall Conference: Building for Health and Well-Being: Structures, Cities, Systems. Washington, DC: Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, 2017.

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

Carr, S.J., Kapitulnik, M. (Founding co-editors) GROUNDUP Journal. Berkeley, CA: College of Environmental Design, University of California Berkeley.

2013 National ASLA Honor Award for Communications; 2015 National ASLA Honor Award for Communications

FUNDED RESEARCH

Coverys Community Healthcare Foundation (2025)

"Medicine on the Move: A Pilot Mobile Health Program for Knox County, Maine," co-PI with Knox Clinic (Rockland, ME) and Katherine Simmonds (Northeastern University) (\$75,000)

Mass Humanities Expand Massachusetts Stories (2024)

"Tide Talks: Changing Attitudes and Access to East Boston's Waterfront," Humanities Advisor to Hola Cultura (\$20,000)

National Endowment for the Humanities (2024)

"Urban Repair: The Southwest Corridor and the Transformation of Boston, 1970-89," co-PI with Amanda Lawrence, Lucy Maulsby, and Mary Hale (\$300,000)

Northeastern University Tier 1 Seed Grant Program (2024)

“Health at All Scales: Designing a Multi-Modal Rural Healthcare System,” lead PI with Katherine Simmonds, Michael Arnold Mages, Susan Mello, and Tiana Yom (\$50,000)

Northeastern University Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research Health Equity Pilot Grant (2024)
“California Tobacco Control Policies in the Comprehensive Plan: Connecting Public Health to Urbanism,” co-PI with Mi-Kyung Hong (\$4,000)

Community2Community Seed Grant (2024)
“Generating Evidence-Based Guidelines for Green Space Access and Design,” co-PI with Katherine Simmonds (\$5,000)

Community2Community Policy Fellowship (2024)
“Urban Planning and Tobacco Control,” co-PI with Mi-kyung Hong (\$5,000)

Community2Community Seed Grant (2023)
“Refuge: Community-Guided Design Guidelines for Extreme Heat and Green Space Inequity in Chelsea, MA” (\$5,000)

Northeastern University College of Arts, Media, and Design Seed Grant (2023)
“Reimagining the city: the role of Stull and Lee in the transformation of Boston 1970-89,” Co-PI with Lucy Maulsby, Mary Hale, Amanda Lawrence, (Architecture) and Lee Moreau (Art + Design), (\$10,000)

Northeastern University Tier 1 Seed Grant Program (2022)
Seed grant for pilot study “Historical Epidemics in American Cities.” Co-PI with Christopher Parsons (History) (\$49,289)

National Endowment for the Humanities Implementation Grant (2022)
Investigator/Senior Key Personnel with Sari Altschuler, John Basl, Matthew Goodwin, Stephen Intille, and Christopher Parsons, “Humanities and the Digital Future of Health and Healthcare: A Curriculum” (\$149,673)

J.M. Kaplan Fund | Furthermore Grant | (2021)
Production and Presentation grant for publication The Topography of Wellness: Health and the American Urban Landscape (\$5,000)

Oregon | Places Journal Prize (2021)
Research and writing grant for public scholarship on issues power and place (\$7,500)

Northeastern University College of Arts, Media, and Design Summer Support Grant (2021)
Co-PI with Susan Mello, Michael Arnold Mages, and Miso Kim, studying youth attitudes towards climate change risks and health. (\$9,933)

Northeastern University College of Arts, Media, and Design Dean’s Research Fellow (2019)
Co-PI with Susan Mello, Michael Arnold Mages, and Miso Kim, studying youth attitudes towards climate change risks and health. (\$25,000)

Northeastern University Tier 1 Seed Grant Program (2019)
Seed grant for pilot study “Urban Form Impact: Humans, Environments, Equity.” Co-PI with Jay Cephas. (\$49,970)

Graham Foundation (2019)
Production and Presentation grant for publication The Topography of Wellness: Health and the American Urban Landscape (\$5,000)

Hawai’i Department of Health (2016)
Principal Investigator for the Hawai’i Pedestrian Environment Data Scan (PEDS), funded by Healthy Hawai’i Initiative (\$31,400)

California Health Interview Survey| University of California Los Angeles (2014)

Student Research Fellowship (\$500 and assistance from data center)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

American Society of Landscape Architects | Professional Awards (2024)

Award of Excellence in Communications for The Topography of Wellness

Boston Society of Landscape Architects | Annual Design Awards (2024)

“Riverside Park,” Merit Award for Student Work (Faculty Advisor)

Environmental Design Research Association | Places Book Award (2023)

Honorable Mention for The Topography of Wellness

Northeastern University College of Arts, Media, and Design | High Impact Teaching Award (2023)

For “Faculty excellence in the classroom and lasting impact on the student experience”

Boston Society of Landscape Architects | Annual Design Awards (2022)

Special Jury Recognition for The Topography of Wellness

John Brinckerhoff Jackson Book Prize | Center for Cultural Landscapes (2022)

Award for The Topography of Wellness, prize honors “original research and those that break new ground in method or interpretation in landscape studies”

University Consortium for Geographic Information Science TRELIS Fellow (2019)

National Science Foundation funded leadership and training fellowship for women in geospatial sciences

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (2018)

Winner, Building Healthy Places Design Competition (Faculty advisor to Khoa Nguyen and Valerie Ribao)

Trustees for Harvard University at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library (2016-2017)

Mellon Fellow in Urban Landscape Studies (\$32,500) and travel award for research (\$5000)

University of Hawai‘i Mānoa (2015-2016)

University Research Council Faculty Travel Fund (\$4000 over 2 years)

University of California (2013-2014)

Dissertation Year Fellow (system-wide award; \$35,000)

University of California Berkeley| Beatrix Farrand Fund (2010-2013)

Dissertation research fellowship (\$6000 over 3 years)

University of California Berkeley | Bancroft Library (2011)

Research Fellowship (\$250)

Herman Miller for Healthcare and American Institute of Architects/ Academy of Architecture for Health (2006)

Intern Architect Award (\$1500)

Tulane University School of Architecture (1998-2003)

Dean’s Honor Scholar (five years full tuition scholarship, approximately \$150,000); Thesis Commendation; Tau Sigma Delta; Lawrence Travel Fellow

INVITED TALKS, PANELS, EXHIBITIONS

INVITED TALKS (*indicates session done remotely)

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, October 15, 2025
Public Health and Urban Planning Panel

CBRE Group, Inc., Earth Day Celebration, April 22, 2025*
This is Your Brain on Green: Nature and Mental Health

Massachusetts Historical Society Environmental History Seminar, October 15, 2024
Invited Commenter on “Shovels and Shoes: Cement Sidewalks’ Influence on New Cultures of Civics and Fashion in the Urbanizing United States” by Kirke Elsass

Boston Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting, June 14, 2024
Keynote Speaker: Nature/Now: New Frontiers in Health, Phytoremediation, and Design

Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace Museum, January 24, 2024*
Blueprints for Wellness: Public Health and the Built Environment in America’s Progressive Era

University of North Carolina Charlotte and Charlotte AIA, December 7, 2023
Symposium: The Pandemic Effect

American Society of Landscape Architects – New Hampshire Chapter, November 28, 2023
Annual Dinner Keynote: The Topography of Wellness

Harvard Graduate School of Design, October 20, 2023
Setting the Course: Future Core Studio Pedagogies in Landscape Architecture (Symposium)
Session Chair and Moderator: “Ethics and Core Design Studio Models”

Brown University, HHIAA 1171: Cities, Landscape, and Design in the Age of Pandemics, September 26, 2023
Guest Lecture: The Topography of Wellness

Tulane Alumni Association, Board of Directors Annual Meeting (Boston, MA), July 29, 2023
Keynote Speaker

Cambridge Garden Club, Spring Speaker Series, March 6, 2023
Guest Lecture: The Topography of Wellness

University of Chicago, ENST 20170: Pandemics, Urban Space, and Public Life, October 18, 2022*
Guest Lecture: Progressivism and Purified Air

Brown University, HHIAA 1171: Cities, Landscape, and Design in the Age of Pandemics, October 4, 2022
Guest Lecture: The Topography of Wellness

Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at Boston Public Library, August 4, 2022
Author Talk: Alexandra Lange, Meet Me by the Fountain (interlocuter and moderator)
*Broadcast on C-SPAN2 Book TV

Design Museum Week, April 25, 2022*

The Impact of Climate Change in Young Adults' Mental Health (with Estefania Ciliotta, Susan Mello, Michael Arnold Mages, and Miso Kim)

Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, Lectures in Planning April 12, 2022*
The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape

Carnegie Mellon University, Center for Arts in Society Speaker Series, March 25, 2022*
Progressivism and Purified Air

University of Nebraska Lincoln, Durham School of Engineering Distinguished Lecturer Series, March 25, 2022*
Embodied Environments

University of Illinois Chicago Friday Forum, March 11, 2022*
The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, March 4, 2022*
The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape

Open House New York Stacks, February 3, 2022*
The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape

New York Tenement Museum, January 11, 2022*
Quarantine, Eradication, Prescription: Health and Housing in the American Urban Landscape

University of Toronto Institute for Pandemics, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, November 18, 2021*
Something in the Air: Aerosol and Pandemics (Roundtable with David Fisman, Kimberly Prather, Victor Leung, Trisha Greenhalgh, Matthew Oliver)

University of Southern California, November 17, 2021*
The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape

University of Oregon College of Design Lecture Series, October 25, 2021
Water is Wealth: occupation and erasure in Honolulu's urban landscape and its ecological future

Harvard University, Mahindra Humanities Center, October 19th, 2021*
The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Formed the American Landscape

Nantucket Preservation Trust Symposium, September 10, 2021
Envision Resilience Nantucket Challenge (panelist)

Preservation Society of Newport County, April 29, 2021*
The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape

Portland Society of Architects, March 19, 2021*
The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape

University of Virginia School of Medicine Lecture Series, March 17, 2021*
The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape

Tulane School of Architecture Lecture Series, March 1, 2021*

Embodied Environments

University of Massachusetts Amherst Zube Lecture Series, February 25, 2021*
Embodied Environments

Reimagine New York Commission Roundtable, January 28, 2021*
Pandemic Resilience: Learning from Health Challenges in History

University of Hong Kong Division of Landscape Architecture Research Seminar, November 25, 2020.*
Embodied Environments

Lehman College CUNY, Sara Turnbull Little Lecture Series, November 17, 2020*
Diversity and Inclusion in Design, panelist

Princeton-Mellon Urban Forum, November 6, 2020*
The Geography of the Post-Pandemic City, panelist with Jay Pitter, Craig Wilkins, Cindi Katz, Kirti Das, and Ashish Rao-Ghorpade

Lehman College CUNY, Sara Turnbull Little Lecture Series, November 10, 2020*
Designing for Disaster

Thomas Jefferson University Lecture Series, October 21, 2020*
Embodied Environments

Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Architecture Lecture Series, October 15, 2020*
Embodied Environments, in conversation with Michael Murphy of MASSDesign

Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design at the University of Arkansas/Places Journal Lecture Series, October 5, 2020*
Embodied Environments

University of Colorado Boulder School of Environmental Design Colloquium, September 22, 2020*
Building Well-Being

AIA Los Angeles, July 30, 2020*
Designing the Future:: in the wake of our pandemic crisis, panelist with Nate Cormier, Mia Lehrer, Alma du Solier, and Matthew Clarke

Pyatok Architects Skull Sessions, July 23, 2020*
Quarantine, Eradication, Prescription: Health and Housing in the American Urban Landscape

Prospect Park Alliance, July 14, 2020*
Progressivism and Purified Air: Frederick Law Olmsted's Living Machines

Civic Commons US, July 9, 2020*
In Conversation

Emerald Necklace Conservancy, June 19, 2020*
Green Spaces, Public Health and Race, in conversation with Catherine Morris (executive director, Boston Art & Music Soul Fest)

Urban Land Institute of Colorado, May 8, 2020*
Keynote speaker, The Future of Density

Capita Social, May 14, 2020*
A conversation with Sara Jensen Carr

Open House New York Conversations about the City, April 22, 2020*
Epidemics

Tulane School of Architecture, April 7, 2020*
Health and the Urban Landscape: A Conversation with Richard Campanella

Emerald Necklace Conservancy Annual Meeting 2019
Progressivism and Purified Air: Frederick Law Olmsted's Living Machines

Northeastern University School of Architecture Fall Lecture Series 2018
Architecture Has Issues (with Jay Cephas)

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) | 2017 Annual Meeting | Los Angeles
Panelist | A Call to Action for Healthy Communities: Allied Organizations Collaborate

Dumbarton Oaks Midday Dialogues Lecture Series, 2016-2017
The Topography of Wellness: Health and the American Urban Landscape

Hawai'i Public Health Association (HPHA) | 2015 Annual Meeting | Honolulu, HI
Panelist | Health and the Built Environment

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) | 2015 Annual Meeting | Toronto, ON
Panelist | Design and Health Partnerships for Teaching and Research

Columbia University GSAPP 2011-2012 Lecture Series
Seven Ecologies of Oakland (with Scott Elder)

Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning, University of California Berkeley, Spring 2011
Colloquium
Shifting Grounds: Changing Frameworks of Health and Landscape

San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR) Fall Lecture Series 2008
Imagining Islais Creek

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES (*indicates session done remotely due to COVID-19 pandemic)

American Institute of Architects Conference on Architecture | 2025 | Boston, MA
Tour Leader | Urban Repair: The Legacy of Boston's Southwest Corridor

Environmental Design Research Association Annual Meeting | 2025 | Halifax, Nova Scotia
Speaker | Health at All Scales: Designing a Multi-Modal Rural Healthcare System

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Annual Meeting | 2025 | New Orleans, LA

Speaker | Engaging Histories of Repair: Ruggles Station and Boston's Southwest Corridor | with Mary Hale, Amanda Lawrence and Lucy Maulsby

Docomomo US National Symposium | 2023 | New Haven, CT
Speaker | Urban Repair: The Southwest Corridor Transit Project in Boston

(Re)Thinking Landscape Conference | Fall 2022 | Yale University
Speaker | Underground Economies: Landscapes of Mythology, Labor, and Science in the Black Hills

Nature and Health Conference | 2021 | University of Washington*
Panelist | Rethinking Mobility After COVID-19: Healthier, Greener, Public Spaces

Dumbarton Oaks Garden and Landscape Studies Symposium: Spatial Inequalities and Segregation in the Urban Landscape | 2020 | Washington, DC*
Speaker | Quarantine, eradication, and prescription: how health segregated the American urban landscape

Rhode Island School of Design 6th Biennial Design Science Symposium: Inclusive Narratives from Nature | September 2019 | Providence, RI
Featured Speaker and Panelist | Water is Wealth: Reimagining Watershed Urbanism in Hawai'i

Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) | 2019 Annual Meeting | Brooklyn
Session Chair and Presenter | Reframing Research on Urban Mobility and Wellbeing: new technologies, global contexts

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) | 2018 Annual Meeting | Philadelphia
Moderator, Session Organizer | This is Your Brain on Green: Neuroscience and the Landscape

Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) | 2018 Annual Meeting | New Orleans
Co-Author (with Lehua Choy and Cheryl Albright) | Cross-Sector Collaboration in Built Environment Initiatives in Physical Activity: A Systematic Scoping Review

American Institute of Architects (AIA) | 2017 Annual Convention | Orlando, FL
Session Organizer | Health Beyond Healthcare: Integrating Data, Research, and Engagement into Practice

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) | 2016 Fall Meeting | Honolulu, HI
Conference Co-Chair | Building for Health and Well-Being: Structures, Cities, Systems

Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) | 2016 Annual Meeting | Raleigh, NC
Paper Author, Presenter | Building pono: reflecting on a transdisciplinary health and built environment course at University of Hawai'i

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) 2015 Annual Meeting | Manhattan, KS
Paper Author, Presenter | Living by Measure: the quantification of the landscape and idealization of the everyday* and The Topography of Wellness: Measures of landscape infrastructure for healthy neighborhoods

Big Data and Urban Informatics | 2014 Workshop | Chicago, IL
Paper Co-Author (with Allison Lassiter) | Big Data, Small Apps: Premises and products of the civic hackathon

Robert Wood Johnson Active Living Research 2014 Annual Conference | San Diego, CA
Paper Co-Author (with Edie Zusman and Judy Robinson) | Moving towards implementation: the potential for accountable care organizations and private-public partnerships to advance active neighborhood design

Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) | 2013 Annual Meeting | Providence, RI
Paper Author, Presenter | Human ecologies: Measures of landscape infrastructure for healthy neighborhood

Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) | 2011 Annual Meeting | Chicago, IL
Paper Author, Presenter | Footsteps and Sidewalks: Measures and Methodologies in Studying the Built Environment and Health

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) | 2011 Annual Meeting | Los Angeles, LA
Paper Author, Presenter | Shifting Grounds: Changing Frameworks of Health and Landscape

Association for Computer Aided Design in Architecture (ACADIA) | 2010 Annual Meeting | New York, NY
Paper Co-Author (with Nicholas de Monchaux, Benjamin Golder, David Lung, and Shivang Patwa) | Local Code: The Critical Use of Geographic Information Systems in Parametric Urban Design

Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) | 2010 Annual Meeting | Portland, OR
Paper Author, Presenter | Shifting Grounds: Changing Frameworks of Health and Landscape

Tufts University Future of Food and Nutrition Symposium 2009 | Boston, MA
Paper Author, Presenter | Beyond Community Gardens: Food and Urban Design in San Francisco

BOOK REVIEWS (by others, hyperlinks included where applicable)

Mccormick, Elizabeth L., "Review: The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape," *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians* (2024) 83 (2): 247–249.

Abrams, Jeanne. "The Uncertain Road to Health and Wellness in the Building of America." *Journal of Urban History*. Los Angeles, CA: SAGE Publications, 2023. doi:10.1177/00961442231171718.

Buckley, Geoffrey, "The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape," *Journal of Historical Geography*, 2023, Vol. 80, p.3-4.

Rhee, Pollyanna, "No Green Pill," *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, March 2023, 94-100.

Thomas, Jennifer L. "Sara Jensen Carr: Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape." *Buildings & Landscapes* 29, no. 2 (2022): 126–.

Cummins, Eleanor, "[What Past Plagues Tell Us About the Post-Covid City](#)," *The New Republic*, December 24, 2021.

King, Aaron, "The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape," *Journal of Landscape Architecture*, 2022, p.90-91. doi:10.1080/18626033.2022.2110433

Taylor, L.H., "The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape," *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (American Library Association), 2022. (Highly Recommended)

Williams, Margo, "[Healthy by Design? Reflections on The Topography of Wellness by Sara Jensen Carr](#)," *Nursing Clio*, March 10, 2022

Williamson, Bess, "From Compound to Playground," *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, April 2022, p. 140-146.

SELECTED PUBLIC MEDIA (Interviews and Research Mentions; hyperlinks included)

[“COVID upended everyday life. What’s stuck around 5 years after lockdown?”](#) WGBH, Under the Radar with Callie Crossley, March 7, 2025

“How architects are rethinking indoor air quality with design and technology,” Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, CBCNN Live (television interview), July 1, 2023

[“The New War on Bad Air.”](#) Emily Anthes, The New York Times, June 17, 2023

[“Disease and Urban Space.”](#) Merle Eisenberg and Lee Mordechai, Infectious Historians (podcast), August 2, 2022.

[“As gas prices soar, destinations are inviting visitors to leave the car at home,”](#) Jon Marcus, The Boston Globe, June 8, 2022.

[“Past Pandemics and Future Cities.”](#) Andrew Tuck, The Urbanist (Podcast), January 6, 2022

[Boston Public Radio \(WGBH\) with Jim Braude and Margery Eagan](#), January 3, 2022.

“The Post-Pandemic City,” in Out of Office: The Big Problem and Bigger Promise of Working from Home (book), Charlie Warzel and Anne Helen Petersen, December 2021.

[“What Will It Take to Design \(Actually\) Healthy Cities?”](#) Diana Budds, New York Magazine (Curbed), December 23, 2021

[“The Best New Books to Give Architecture, Design, and Urbanism Enthusiasts,”](#) New York Magazine (Curbed), November 29, 2021

[“In Print: Lit Review – Healthy Housing.”](#) Karen Kubey, Oculus, Fall 2021.

[“What It Means to Design a Space for ‘Care.’”](#) Alexandra Lange, Bloomberg CityLab, November 4, 2021

[“Landscapes of the Mind.”](#) (Radio Documentary), BBC, September 27, 2021

[“The Joys of Parks During a Pandemic.”](#) Soumya Karlamangla, The New York Times, August 13, 2021

[“What Should Hang on the Walls of a Hospital?”](#) Lou Stoppard, The New Yorker, July 31, 2021

[“Leave it Better.”](#) Zach Mortice, Landscape Architecture Magazine, July 29, 2021

[“Covid Didn’t Kill Cities. Why Was That Prophecy So Alluring?”](#) Emily Badger, The New York Times, July 12, 2021.

[“The Post-Pandemic Home.”](#) This Old House: Clearstory, interview with Kevin O’Connor (podcast), May 13, 2021

[“How Fear of Disease Transformed Boston’s Swampy Back Bay.”](#) Feargus O’Sullivan, Bloomberg Citylab, May 7, 2021

[“The Spark Guide to Civilization Part Two: Ventilation.”](#) Interview with Nora Young, Spark, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (podcast), October 30, 2020

[“Quello tra salute e design è un legame centenario, che ha già plasmato le nostre città.”](#) Alessia Musillo, Elle Décor Italy, October 6, 2020.

[“Is Staying In Staying Safe?”](#) Jill LePore, The New Yorker (print), September 7, 2020

[“QR Code Cities and the Battle for Public Space.”](#) Sofie Thorsen, Scenario (Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies), September 21, 2020

[“As we emerge from lockdown, what will our spaces look like? Here’s how designers are reimagining our world.”](#) Douglas Quan, Toronto Star, May 31, 2020.

[“The Destiny of Density.”](#) Anthony Flint, Land Lines (Lincoln Land Institute), June 24, 2020.

[“Domino Park circles keep New York City sunbathers in check.”](#) Hilary Whiteman, CNN Style, May 19, 2020.

[“How Pandemics Spurred Cities to Make More Green Space for People.”](#) Christopher Klein, History.com (The History Channel, April 27, 2020).

[The World Tonight](#), BBC (radio interview), April 22, 2020.

[“Maze parks to micromarkets: How coronavirus could bring cities closer to home.”](#) Sophie Davies, Reuters Foundation, May 4, 2020.

[“Health and Disease Have Always Shaped Our Cities. What Will Be the Impact of COVID-19?”](#) Elizabeth Stinson, Architectural Digest, April 23, 2020.

[“Our cities may never look the same again after the pandemic.”](#) Oscar Holland, CNN, May 9th, 2020.

[“Smart lifts, lonely workers, no towers or tourists: architecture after coronavirus.”](#) Oliver Wainwright, The Guardian, April 13, 2020.

[“Cities in the age of coronavirus, and after.”](#) Tim Logan, The Boston Globe, April 11, 2020.

[The National](#), Adrienne Arsenault (television interview), Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. April 8, 2020.

[“Our Cities May Never Be the Same Again.”](#) Amy McKinnon, Foreign Policy (podcast), June 1, 2020.

[“Is the Coronavirus Changing How We Look At Public Spaces?”](#) Duarte Geraldino, The Takeaway, WNYC (radio), March 11, 2020.

[“Density Is Normally Good for Us. That Will Be True After Coronavirus, Too.”](#) Emily Badger, The New York Times, March 24, 2020.

[“Design in the Age of Pandemics,”](#) Diana Budds, Curbed, March 17, 2020.

“Don’t Just Worry About Wildlife,” Madeline Bodin, Landscape Architecture Magazine (print), November 2019

“Measuring Wellness and Health,” Jennifer Keeter, Fieldbook, Annual publication of the Boston Society of Landscape Architects (print), 2019.

[“Environment and Health.”](#) William Latimer, Public Health Minute (podcast), June 29, 2016.

PUBLIC MEDIA (Authored)

Carr, S.J., “No Green Pill,” (column) Landscape: The Journal of the Landscape Institute, Summer 2018.

Carr, S.J., and Robinson, J. [“Resilient Communities are Healthy Communities”](#) California Adaptation Forum (Local Government Commission and State of California), 2018.

Carr, S.J., and Robinson, J. [“Sacramento County Codifies Healthy Design at All Scales,”](#) 2016. Center for Active Design.

EXHIBITIONS

New Bedford Art Museum, New Bedford, MA, January-March 2024
Envision Resilience: Designs for Living Seas

Waterfire Arts Center, Providence, RI, June-July 2022
Envision Resilience Narragansett Bay
Thomas Macy Warehouse, Nantucket, MA, June-December 2021
Envision Resilience Nantucket

San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR) Gallery (2010)
Here and Now | Project: Imagining Islais Creek

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (2011)
The Utopian Impulse: Buckminster Fuller and the Bay Area | Project: Local Code (with Nicholas de Monchaux, et al)

National Building Museum (2009)
WPA 2.0 | Project: Local Code (with Nicholas de Monchaux)

ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Academic Service | School of Architecture | Northeastern University

Search Committee Chair, Open-Rank Teaching Professor of Beginning Design and Landscape Architecture (Spring 2026)
Associate Director (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)
Undergraduate Programs Coordinator (Fall 2022-present)
Lead, LAAB Accreditation task force (Fall 2021-present)
Faculty Advisor, ASLA Affiliate Chapter, Northeastern University (2021-present)
Search Committee Chair, Open-Rank Teaching Professor of Landscape Architecture (Spring 2024)
Search Committee Advisor, Open-Rank Tenure-Track Professor in Building Technology (Fall 2023)
Program Director, Master of Design in Sustainable Urban Environments (Fall 2019-Fall 2023)
Master of Urban Policy and Planning Admissions Committee (Fall 2019-present)
Representative to Board of Directors for Boston Society of Architects (Spring 2019-Spring 2020)
Member, Academic Affairs Committee (Fall 2019-Spring 2021)
Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Assistant Professor in Race and Social Justice in the Built Environment (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)
Member, Faculty Search Committee, Open-Rank Professor in Architecture and Urban Design (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)

Academic Service | CAMD and Northeastern University | Committees

Project Advisor, SCOUT Labs; 2023-present
CAMD Representative, Northeastern University Sustainability Education Advisory Committee (SEAC); Fall 2025-present
Steering Committee and Affiliate Faculty, Health, Humanities and Society Program
Steering Committee, Northeastern University Rural Health Interdisciplinary Collaborative (NURHIC)
Advisory Committee, Northeastern University Geospatial Technology Center, 2024-present
Selection Committee, Northeastern University Research and Creative Activity Award 2023-24 and 2024-25
Advisor, Northeastern University Governor's Island Anchor Educational & Research Institution RFP, 2022

Academic Service | CAMD and Northeastern University | Internal Guest Talks and Panels

Northeastern University College of Arts, Media and Design, Design Research Week, March 17, 2025
Bridging Gaps, Co-Creating Access: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Improving Rural Healthcare in Maine

Northeastern University College of Arts, Media and Design Faculty Development Panel, March 13, 2025
Community-Engaged Research and Tenure

Northeastern University College of Arts, Media and Design Faculty Development Panel, November 7, 2024
Here's How I Got Tenure

HINF 5000: Theoretical Foundations in Personal Health Informatics, October 24, 2024

What is Evidence: Perspectives from Health Humanities

Northeastern University Security and Resilience Speaker Series, October 10, 2024

Building Health Beyond Healthcare: Wellness, Illness, and the Built Environment

Northeastern University Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research, March 21, 2024
Works in Progress Series

NU Barkada (Northeastern University Filipino Student Organization), April 15, 2022
Let's Talk Series: Navigating mixed identity and mental health at Northeastern University

Northeastern University Office of Alumni Relations, April 28, 2021*

Post-COVID Futures: How Design and Architecture Affect Public Health, Wellness, and the Future of Work (Panel with Dean Elizabeth Hudson, Dan Adams, and Kristian Kloeckl)

Academic Service | Other

External Reviewer, Faculty Tenure, Pennsylvania State University, 2025

External Reviewer, Faculty Tenure, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2025

Juror, Environmental Design Research Association/Project for Public Spaces Places Book Award, 2025

Steering Committee Member, Association for Collegiate Schools of Architecture 113th Annual Meeting, 2025

External Reviewer, Faculty Tenure, University of North Carolina Charlotte, 2024

External Reviewer, Faculty Tenure, Carnegie Mellon University, 2024

Faculty Lead and Head Juror, 2021 ACSA/AISC Student Steel Design Competition

Editorial Advisor, Urban Omnibus "Cleaning Up?" Series, 2020-21

Community and Professional Service

Peer Reviewer, City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Planning Department, "Study of Sunlight Needs of Boston's Parks"

University Liaison and Advisory Task Force, Boston Society of Landscape Architects Fieldday 2024-present

Steering Committee, North End Resilience District Planning (National Park Service Technical Assistance Grant), New Bedford, MA, 2023-present

Resource Team Member, National Endowment for the Arts, Mayor's Institute for City Design, Southern Regional Session, 2022

Planning Task Force Member, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site O200 Celebration (Frederick Law Olmsted's 200th birthday), 2021-2022

Exhibition Advisory Board, Leventhal Map and Education Center, "More or Less In Common: Environment and Justice in the Human Landscape, 2020-2022

Invited Peer Reviewer

Landscape Review
Environment and Planning E: Nature and Society
Design Research Society 2024 Conference
Journal of Physical Activity and Health
Journal of Architectural Education
Journal of Urban Design
Landscape Journal
Landscape Research Record
Journal of the American Planning Association
Social History of Medicine
Routledge Press
University of Virginia Press
Johns Hopkins University Press
Duke University Press

Invited Design Jury Member

Louisiana State University OJ Baker Award (Undergraduate Portfolio Prize)
Boston Society of Landscape Architects 2022 Annual Design Awards
Amherst College (Architectural Studies Thesis Reviews)
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Student Awards (Harvard Graduate School of Design)
Boston Society of Architects Rotch Traveling Fellowship
AIA Palm Beach 2019 Design Awards
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
University of California Berkeley College of Environmental Design
Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Rhode Island School of Design
University of Arkansas Fay Jones School of Architecture
University of Oregon
University of Texas Austin School of Architecture

Critical Health Humanities Group, Mahindra Center at Harvard University

Affiliate Faculty Member

Advisory Board | Design 4 Active Sacramento | 2013-present

Community-based organization advocating for ensuring active design through planning and design policy;
American Planning Association Plan4Health Award (2015); Center for Active Design Excellence Award (2016)

Academic Service | University of Hawai'i Mānoa | 2014-2018

Co-Lead, NAAB Accreditation Team, (Architecture, Max term of 8-year accreditation earned)
Vice-Chair, Faculty Senate (Architecture)
Chair, Scholarship Committee (Architecture)
Member, Admissions and Portfolio Review Committee (Architecture)
Member, Diversity and Recruitment Committee (Public Health)
Member, DrPH/PhD Program Committee (Public Health)
Member, MLA Program Planning Committee (Architecture)

Volunteer | Berkeley Parks Department; Berkeley, CA | 2009

Conducted survey and designed educational materials to gauge public support for planned ballot measure on park maintenance.

Executive Board and Planning Committee| CANstruction for Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana | 2003-2006

Planning committee for annual charity event and gala