

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## **BLAKE BELANGER, RLA, ASLA**

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## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Colorado at Denver**

Master of Landscape Architecture, May 2006, Thesis: "Landscape Emergence"  
Master of Urban Design, May 2006

### **Michigan State University**

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, June 1995  
Overseas Study, London, England, March - May 1994

## **PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Registered Landscape Architect, Commonwealth of Kentucky, #580 (1998)  
American Society of Landscape Architects, Member and K-State Student Chapter Faculty Advisor  
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Region 4 Director

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Assistant Professor, Kansas State University, August 2007 to present**  
**Department of Landscape Architecture / Regional and Community Planning**

### **Design and Planning Studios**

Site Design Studio I - Introductory landscape architecture studio  
Site Planning and Design Studio - Intermediate landscape architecture and urban design studio  
Community Planning and Design Studio - Graduate planning and design studio (integrated with Seminar II)  
Specialization Studio - Advanced graduate planning and design studio (integrated with Seminar III)

### **Lecture Courses**

Site Planning and Design - Introductory theory and applications lecture (taught to architecture and planning students)  
Technical Modules I, II, III, and IV - Introductory through advanced software applications and digital workflow

### **Graduate Theory Seminars**

Landscape Arch Seminar II - Landscape architecture, urban design, and mapping theory (integrated with Community Planning & Design Studio)  
Landscape Arch Seminar III - Contemporary landscape architecture, urbanism, and complexity theory (integrated with Specialization Studio)

### **Graduate Advising and Independent Studies**

Thesis Major Advisor

Thesis Committee Member

Master Project and Report Major Advisor

Master Project and Report Committee Member

Thesis Proposal Writing

Advanced Research and Design Independent Study

Advanced Representation Independent Study

ULI/Gerald D. Hines Student Urban Design Competition Faculty Advisor or Co-advisor: 2009 (finalist), 2010, 2011

### **Adjunct Honorarium Professor, University of Colorado at Denver, August 2006 – May 2007**

#### **Landscape Architecture Department**

Landscape Architecture Design Studio II

Landscape Architecture Design Studio III

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Colorado at Denver, August 2004 - December 2005**

#### **Landscape Architecture Department**

Plants in Design

Landscape Architecture Design Studio III

## **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE POSITIONS**

### **Landscape Architect and Urban Designer, EDAW, Denver, Colorado**

#### **July 2006 to August 2007**

Lead designer and project manager for a diversity of projects including urban design, park and recreation, and site planning. Focused on mentoring younger staff, evolving the office's design process, elevating critical inquiry among designers, and producing compelling, functional, and memorable landscape architecture projects.

### **Blake Belanger, Landscape Architect, Denver, Colorado**

#### **January 2005 to June 2006**

Provided landscape architecture and planning services to a limited number of clients on a part-time basis while attaining graduate degrees.

### **Landscape Architect Senior Project Manager, Davis Partnership Architects, Denver, Colorado**

#### **May 2001 to January 2005**

Lead designer and project manager for a wide variety of projects including health care campus planning, park and recreation master planning, site planning, feasibility studies, and urban design.

### **Landscape Architect Project Manager, McGill Smith Punshon, Cincinnati, Ohio**

#### **May 1999 to May 2001**

Design and project management for a wide variety of projects including: park and recreation, site planning, health care and academic campus planning, feasibility studies, community planning & design

### **Landscape Architect, Vivian Llambi and Associates, Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio**

#### **March 1997 to May 1999**

Design and drafting work in a wide variety of projects including: park and recreation, site planning, health care and academic campus planning, public plaza & courtyard, urban and suburban streetscape

### **Blake Belanger, Landscape Designer, Lakeside Park, Kentucky**

#### **September 1996 to March 1997**

Residential landscape design and park master planning

## **Landscape Designer, Equinox, Inc. Brighton, Michigan**

**June 1994 to September 1996**

Design and drafting of community development plans, including mixed residential typologies and open space planning

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **Professional**

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2012 Excellence in Design Studio Teaching Award

Kansas State University President's Academic Excellence Award, February 2011

Mary Jarvis Emerging Faculty of Distinction in Landscape Architecture, November 2010

### **Student**

First Place: Urban Land Institute / Gerald D. Hines Student Urban Design Competition, April 2005

American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award, April 2006

University of Colorado at Denver Landscape Architecture Department Award of Excellence, April 2006

Double Daughter's (Im)Possible Design Exhibit Selection, April 2006

Brandes Scholarship Recipient, May 2005

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Belanger, Blake. "Complexity Ethos + Strategies: Nonlinear Landscape Praxis." Proceeding of the X-L Arch III Landscape - Great Idea! Conference. 29 April - 1 May 2009. Vienna, Austria. University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences.

Belanger, Blake. "Complexity and the Global Landscape." Proceedings of the Twentieth Conference of the European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools. 11-14 September 2008. Alnarp, Sweden. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

## **PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Belanger, Blake. "Learning from Dada." Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2011 Annual Conference. 31 March, 2011.

Belanger, Blake. "Acquainting, Inquiring, Projecting: Nonlinear and Inclusive Site Discovery." Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2011 Annual Conference. 30 March, 2011.

Belanger, Blake. "Visualizing Complexity: Nonlinear Relations and Photomontage." Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2009-10 Annual Conference. 14 May 2010.

Belanger, Blake. "Deciphering Landscape Sites: Revealing Potential and Projecting Futures." Fourth International Conference on Design Principles and Practices. 15 February 2010.

Brody, Jason and Blake Belanger. "Critical Mapping: Agency and Strategy in Landscape Architecture Studio." Fourth International Conference on Design Principles and Practices. 15 February 2010.

Belanger, Blake. "Landscape Architecture Strategies for Progressing Toward Carbon Neutral Urban Environments." Poster presentation at the Kansas State University Sustainability Conference. 23 January 2009.

Belanger, Blake. "Operative Terrain: An Armature For Design Studio and Seminar Integration Focused on Contemporary Theories of Landscape and Urbanism." Presentation at the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2008-09 Annual Conference. 17 January 2009.

## **PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACTS**

Belanger, Blake, Bradley Cantrell, David Dugas, Katya Crawford, and Brian Katen. "Perspectives on Representation as Generative Design Catalyst." Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2012 Annual Conference. 16 September, 2011.

Urton, Ellen and Blake Belanger. "Design Studio Redux: Experiments in Embedded Librarianship." Art Libraries Society of North America 2012 Annual Conference. 31 May, 2011.

Brody, Jason, Blake Belanger and Jessica Canfield. "Critical Mapping: Practical Inquiry for Complexity Driven Praxis." Association of American Geographers 2011 Annual Conference. 15 January 2011. (Conference presentation delivered by Brody)

Belanger, Blake. "Habits of Thought: Approaching Landscape Architectural Practice in a Complex Nonlinear World." Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2009-10 Annual Conference. 14 September 2009.

## **INVITED PANEL PRESENTATIONS**

Belanger, Blake. Panelist for Academic Discussion. ASLA 2008 Central States Conference. St. Louis, Missouri. 22 April 2008.

## **EDITED PUBLICATIONS**

Belanger, Blake and Jason Brody. "MKS Futures." Article in College of Architecture Planning and Design 2009 Newsletter. September 2009. Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State University.

## **PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

Belanger, Blake, Jason Brody, and Howard Hahn, eds. "City Ecologies." Studio Dissemination Book for LAR 646 Community Planning and Design. August 2011. Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State University.

Belanger, Blake and Jon Hunt eds. "Denver Metropolitan Studio 2011." Sponsored Studio Dissemination Book for LAR 442 Site Planning and Design. August 2011. Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State University.

Brody, Jason and Blake Belanger eds. "First Suburbs." Studio Dissemination Book for LAR 646 Community Planning and Design. August 2010. Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State University.

Hunt, Jon and Blake Belanger eds. "Denver Metropolitan Studio 2010." Sponsored Studio Dissemination Book for LAR 442 Site Planning and Design. August 2010. Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State University.

Belanger, Blake and Jason Brody eds. "MKS Futures." Studio Dissemination Book for LAR 646 Community Planning and Design. August 2009. Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State University.

Belanger, Blake and Jon Hunt eds. "Denver Metropolitan Studio 2009." Sponsored Studio Dissemination Book for LAR 442 Site Planning and Design. August 2009. Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State University.

Rolley, Stephanie and Blake Belanger eds. "KC11." Studio Dissemination Book for LAR 646 Community Planning and Design. August 2008. Manhattan, Kansas. Kansas State University.

## **CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS**

Belanger, Blake. "The Bean." Manhattan Arts Center Photography Competition Juried Exhibit. Manhattan, Kansas. 11 September - 24 October 2009.

Belanger, Blake. "Fabric." Manhattan Arts Center Photography Competition Juried Exhibit. Manhattan, Kansas. 11 September - 24 October 2009.

Belanger, Blake. "Lurie and Jay." Manhattan Arts Center Photography Competition Juried Exhibit. Manhattan, Kansas. 11 September - 24 October 2009.

Belanger, Blake. "Malmohus." Manhattan Arts Center Photography Competition Juried Exhibit. Manhattan, Kansas. 11 September - 24 October 2009.

## **SPONSORED STUDIOS**

Course: LAR 442 Site Planning and Design Studio  
Sponsor: Carma Colorado and Norris Design  
Funding: \$7,500 and in-kind donations of professional time  
Date: January 2010  
Duration: one semester  
Collaborator: Assistant Professor Jon Hunt

Course: LAR 442 Site Planning and Design Studio  
Sponsor: Davis Partnership Architects  
Funding: \$6,800 and in-kind donations of professional time  
Date: January 2009  
Duration: one semester  
Collaborator: Assistant Professor Jon Hunt

## **CONTRACTS**

Title: Creating Sustainable Places Initiative Grant  
Agency: Kansas City Design Center, funded by the Mid-America Regional Council through a grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Funding Level: \$15,000 (Second phase of \$45,000 contract)  
Date: December, 2011  
Duration: 8 months  
Collaborators: Professor Stephanie Rolley, Assistant Professor Jason Brody, and Professor Vladimir Krstic

Title: City Ecologies: First Phase of Kansas City Greenspace Vision Plan  
Agency: Kansas City Design Center, funded by the Downtown Council of Kansas City through a KCMO PIAC Grant  
Funding Level: \$15,000 (First phase contract of \$60,000 Kansas City Greenspace Vision Plan Grant)  
Date: May, 2011  
Duration: one semester  
Collaborators: Assistant Professors Jason Brody and Howard Hahn, and Professor Vladimir Krstic

Title: Creating Sustainable Places Initiative Grant  
Agency: Kansas City Design Center, funded by the Mid-America Regional Council through a grant from the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development  
Funding Level: \$15,000 (First phase of \$45,000 contract)  
Date: April, 2011  
Duration: 5 months  
Collaborators: Professor Stephanie Rolley, Assistant Professor Jason Brody, and Professor Vladimir Krstic

## **AWARDS**

Title: 2012 Excellence in Design Studio Teaching Award  
Agency: Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture  
Date: 28 February, 2012

Title: Collaboration for Resilient Urbanism  
Agency: Kansas State University Offices of the President and Provost: Academic Excellence Award  
Funding Level: \$10,000  
Date: 28 February, 2011  
Duration: 1 semester  
Collaborators: Assistant Professors Jon Hunt and Michael McGlynn

Title: Mary Jarvis Emerging Faculty of Distinction in Landscape Architecture  
Agency: Mary Jarvis Fund, Kansas State University  
Funding Level: \$5,000 salary enhancement and graduate research assistant for one semester  
Date: November 2010  
Duration: 1 year

Title: Faculty Development Award  
Agency: Kansas State University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs  
Funding Level: \$1,500  
Date: 19 November 2009  
Duration: 6 months

Title: Faculty Development Award  
Agency: Kansas State University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs  
Funding Level: \$700  
Date: 25 April 2008  
Duration: 6 months

## **SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS**

Course: 2011-12 Master's Projects and Thesis  
Project: Rock Island Corridor Visioning  
Partner agency: Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and the Rock Island Corridor Coalition  
Semester: Fall 2011-Spring 2012  
Duration: two semesters  
Collaborators: Dean Katerndahl and Marlene Nagel, MARC; Professor Jason Brody, Kansas State University; Professor Bonnie Johnson and Marcy Smalley, University of Kansas

Event: Design Days 2011  
Project: One Lunch.  
Client: Kansas State University  
Semester: Fall 2011  
Duration: Three days  
Collaborators: Professors Stephanie Rolley and Rhonda Janke; PhD candidate Jeremy Merrill, Kansas State University

Course: LAR 646 Community Planning and Design  
Project: City Ecologies: Downtown Greenspace Vision Plan  
Client: Downtown Council of Kansas City Greenspace Committee; Kansas City Missouri Parks and Recreation  
Semester: Summer 2011  
Duration: one semester  
Collaborators: Douglas Stockman, Downtown Council of Kansas City; Professors Jason Brody, Howard Hahn, and Vladimir Krstic, Kansas State University

Course: LAR 442 Site Planning and Design Studio  
Project: Springer Public Space  
Client: Steve and Kris Springer  
Semester: Spring 2011  
Duration: One week  
Collaborators: Professors Jon Hunt, Bob Condia, and Howard Hahn, Kansas State University

Course: LAR 648 Specialization Studio  
Project: ECO[x]  
Client: Eagle County, Colorado  
Semester: Fall 2010  
Duration: One semester  
Collaborators: Yuri Kostick and Cliff Simonton, Eagle County Planning Department

Event: Design Days 2010  
Project: Cruise. Commute. Connect.  
Client: City of Manhattan, Kansas  
Semester: Fall 2010  
Duration: Three days  
Collaborators: Professors Stephanie Rolley, Michael Wesch, and Ben Champion; and PhD candidate Jeremy Merrill, Kansas State University

Course: LAR 646 Community Planning and Design  
Project: First Suburbs  
Clients: Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and the cities of Grandview, MO; Independence, MO; Mission, KS; Overland Park, KS, Prairie Village, KS.  
Semester: Summer 2010  
Duration: Four weeks  
Collaborators: Dean Katerndahl, MARC, Sara Copeland, City of Grandview, MO; Mary Hunt, City of Independence, MO; Lawrence Andre, Mission, KS; Leslie Karr, Overland Park, KS; Dennis Enslinger Prairie Village, KS; Assistant Professor Jason Brody, Kansas State University;

Event: Design Week 2009  
Project: More Manhattan!  
Client: City of Manhattan, Kansas  
Semester: Fall 2009  
Duration: one week  
Collaborators: Professors Howard Hahn, Stephanie Rolley and Eric Bernard, Kansas State University. Mike Albert and Kurt Colbertson, Design Workshop, Aspen Colorado.

Course: LAR 646 Community Planning and Design Studio

Project: KC11: KCMO Greater Downtown Area Plan

Client: City of Kansas City, Missouri and BNIM Architects

Semester: Summer 2008

Duration: one semester

Collaborators: Professor Stephanie Rolley, Kansas State University; Jade Liska, Kansas City, Missouri Planning and Development Department; Stephen Hardy, BNIM Architects.

Course: LAR 442 Site Planning and Design Studio

Project: Campus Master Plan

Client: Central Christian College, McPherson, Kansas

Semester: Spring 2008

Duration: one semester

Collaborators: Professor Rick Forsyth, Kansas State University; Dale Burge, Central Christian College.

## **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

### **Service to the Discipline**

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Region 4 Director. Term: 2011-2014

Mid-America Regional Council, University Partners Committee. 2010 to present

### **Service to Kansas State University**

Kansas State University Student Chapter ASLA Faculty Advisor, 2007 to present

Kansas State University Men's Ultimate Frisbee Club Faculty Advisor, Fall 2010 to present

### **Service to the College of Architecture, Planning, and Design**

APDesign Architecture Department Head Search Committee, Fall 2011 to present

APDesign Research, Scholarship, and Creative Achievements Task Force, Fall 2011 to present

APDesign Interdisciplinary Studies & Service Learning Committee, Fall 2010 to present

APDesign KCDC Committee, Fall 2009 to Fall 2010

APDesign Sponsored Studio Task Force, Spring 2009 to Fall 2010

### **Service to the Department**

LARCP Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2011 to present

LARCP Student Affairs Committee, Fall 2011 to present

LARCP Design Days Organizing Committee, Summer and Fall 2011

LARCP Colloquium Committee, Fall 2010 to Spring 2011

LARCP Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2010 to Spring 2011

LARCP Design Days Organizing Committee, Summer and Fall 2010

LARCP Design Week Organizing Committee, Summer and Fall 2009

LARCP Department Committee on Planning, Spring 2009 to present

LARCP Future Trends Committee, Fall 2009 to Spring 2010

Faculty advisor for ULI/Gerald D. Hines Student Urban Design Competition, 2009 (finalist), 2010, 2011

### **Service to the Community**

Lee Elementary School Career Discovery Presentation, Fall 2011

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan course co-leader: "Doing Not Doing: Discovering the Tao," Fall 2011

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan Long Range Planning Committee, Fall 2009 to present

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, "Popcorn Theology" Teen Religious Education, Fall 2010

Numerous guest lectures on landscape architecture theory and practice

Numerous invited critiques in landscape architecture, urban design, and architecture design studios



**Professional Leadership**

EDAW Denver - Innovation Committee, 2007

EDAW Denver - Interim Chair Best Practices and Creative Review Committees, 2007

EDAW International Design Summit Participant, San Francisco, 2007

EDAW Denver - Co-coordinator of 2006 EDAW Denver Design Summit, 2006

EDAW Denver - Design Practice Group Leadership Team, 2006 to 2007