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Professor of Landscape Architecture College of Architecture Planning & Design
Kansas State University

Education

- 1992 Ph.D. Architecture **University of Pennsylvania** - Ph.D. Architecture
Field of Specialization in History and Theory of Landscape Architecture
- 1977 M.L.A. **University of Virginia** - Master of Landscape Architecture
Vicenza, Italy Summer Program, 1976
- 1973 B.S. Languages **Georgetown University** - B.S. Languages (French and Chinese)
Université de Fribourg, Switzerland, 1971-72

Academic Appointments

- 2011 to present **Kansas State University**, Professor, Department of Landscape
Architecture/Regional & Community Planning, College of Architecture
Planning & Design
- 1988 to 2011 **University of Kansas**, Professor (since 2001), Architecture Program
School of Architecture, Design & Planning
Director of the Italy Summer Program in Spannocchia (Tuscany), 1992-1993
- Fall 1987 **University of Pennsylvania**, College of Arts and Sciences
Visiting Lecturer in Theories of Landscape Architecture, Design of the
Environment Program
- 1980 to 1983 **Kansas State University**, College of Architecture and Design
Lecturer, Department of Pre- Design Professions

Other Professional Experience

- 1985 to 1988 **University of Pennsylvania**, Architectural Archives and Louis I. Kahn
Collection; Curator for Exhibitions including: "Roberto Burle Marx"
- Spring 1987 **Artist in Education** - Environmental Design, Manhattan, Kansas
NEA, Kansas Arts Commission, Manhattan Arts Council, USD #383
- 1977 to 1980 **De Leuw, Cather & Company**, Washington, D.C.
Landscape Architect/Planner

Awards & Honors

- 2009 **David R. Coffin Publication Grant**, Foundation for Landscape Studies
*The Evolution of a Landscape Critic: Mariana Griswold Van
Rensselaer*
- Center for East Asian Studies**, University of Kansas, Travel Grant to China
- 1997 **Mellon Resident Fellowship**, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia
"Call of the Wild Garden: Humboldt, Darwin, and Landscape
Architecture"

- 1996 **Graham Foundation Grant**
"Call of the Wild Garden: Humboldt, Darwin, and Landscape Architecture"
- 1993 **Samuel H. Kress Publication Fellowship**
Administered by the Architectural History Foundation
- 1989 **Dumbarton Oaks Summer Fellowship in Landscape Architecture**
- 1987 **Summer Research Fellowship in American History & Culture, Library Company of Philadelphia**

Book

- 1997 **To Live in the New World: A. J. Downing and American Landscape Gardening.** Cambridge & London: MIT Press, 1997.

Forthcoming Book

- The Evolution of a Landscape Critic in the Gilded Age: Mariana Griswold Van Rensselaer (1851-1934).** Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2013.

Forthcoming Book Chapter

- "Toward an American Garden Theory," In **Plant World Portrayed: Highlights of the LuEsther T. Mertz Library.** New York: The New York Botanical Garden.

Publications refereed

- 2007 "Mariana Griswold Van Rensselaer's Landscape Gardening Manifesto in Garden and Forest." In **Landscape Journal** 26, No. 2 (2007): 183-200.
- 1993 "Between a Rock and No Place: Site Made Manifest." **Design + Values: Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference Proceedings** 4 (University of Virginia, 1993): 205-212.
- 1992 "Too Much Language." **Proceedings of the 1991 ACSA Southeast Regional Conference** (The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 1992): 96-100.

Publications invited

- 2011 Review of Therese O'Malley, with contributions by Elizabeth Kryder-Reid and Anne L. Helmreich. *Keywords in American Landscape Design.* Washington, D.C.: Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art in association with Yale University Press, New Haven and London, 2010. In **Landscape Journal** 30 (February 1, 2011): 317-319.
- 2008 "Mariana Griswold Van Rensselaer: Landscape Critic and Historian (1851-1934)," **The Cultural Landscape Foundation E-Newsletter** (November 2008) http://www.tclf.org/pioneers/profiles/Van_Rensselaer/index.htm
- 2006 "Downing, Andrew Jackson." 137-138. Entry in **Oxford Companion to the Garden.** Ed. Patrick Taylor, Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.

- Review of Gabrielle M. Lanier, *The Delaware Valley in the Early Republic: Architecture, Landscape, and Regional Identity*. Johns Hopkins University Press: Baltimore & London, 2005. In **American Historical Review** 111 (February 2006): 162-163.
- Review of Laura J. Lawson, *City Bountiful: A Century of Community Gardening in America*. University of California Press, Berkeley, Los Angeles, London (2005). In **Studies in the History of Gardens & Designed Landscapes** 26 (July-September 2006): 263-264.
- 2001 "Downing, Andrew Jackson 1815-1852: United States Landscape Gardener and Horticulturist." 1: 384-387; and "Wardian Case." 3: 1417-1418. Entries in **Chicago Botanic Garden Encyclopedia of Gardens: History and Design**. Ed. Candice A. Shoemaker, 3 Vols. Chicago & London: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 2001.
- 2000 "Landscapes of Movement and Landscapes in Time: *Peut-on Danser Le Paysage?*" <http://doaks.org/SLA99coll/major.html>
- 1995 Review of *The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted*. Vol. VI. *The Years of Olmsted, Vaux & Company, 1865-1874*. Ed. David Schuyler & Jane Turner Censer, Baltimore & London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992. In **Journal of Garden History** 15 (Oct.-Dec. 1995): 233-235.
- 1995 Review essay of "Nature and Ideology: Natural Garden Design in the 20th Century," Dumbarton Oaks Landscape Architecture Symposium, May 20-21, 1994, Washington, D.C. In **Journal of Garden History** 15 (Spring 1995): 61-64.
- 1994 Review of John Dixon Hunt, *Gardens and the Picturesque: Studies in the History of Landscape Architecture*. Cambridge & London: MIT Press, 1992. In **Journal of Architectural Education** 48 (Sept. 1994): 67-69.
- 1993 "When Writers Had the 'Public Ear': Andrew Jackson Downing, William Cullen Bryant and the Parks Movement." **ArtVu** 7 (Spring 1993): 30-39.
- 1991 "A. J. Downing (1815-1852): Beyond the *Treatise on Landscape Gardening*." 430-434. Essay in **The Architecture of Western Gardens**. Ed. Monique Mosser & Georges Teyssot, Cambridge: MIT Press, 1991. [First published in Italian by Electa, 1990, as *L'Architettura Dei Giardini D'Occidente dal Rinascimento al Novecento*.]

Other Publications

- 1986 "Artist in Education: Salina's Open Spaces." **Landscape Architecture** 76 (May- June 1986): 82-85.
 "The Downing Letters." **Landscape Architecture** 76 (January-February 1986): 50 -57.

Conference Papers refereed

- 2011 "Tree Foreigners in Nineteenth-Century America," **Foreign Trends on American Soil Symposium**. University of Pennsylvania
- 2010 "Q158 and QH365 in the History of Landscape Architecture," **SAH Landscape History Chapter Colloquium: Methods and Content in Landscape Histories: SB470 and Beyond**

- 2008 "The Landscape Critic and the Motorcar," **Designing the Parks.**
Conference co-sponsored by the University of Virginia, the National
Park Service, and the Cultural Landscape Foundation.
Co-chair of Session "Science and Changing Ideas in Landscape
Architecture" **Society of Architectural Historians (SAH)**
- 2006 "The Landscape Gardening Manifesto in *Garden and Forest* by Mariana
Griswold Van Rensselaer (1888)." **SAH**
- 1994 "Mariana Griswold Van Rensselaer: The Victorian 'Gentlewoman' as
Landscape Critic and Historian." **Council of Educators in Landscape
Architecture**
- 1993 "The Province of the Press: The 19th-Century Campaign for Public Parks in
America . . . and its lessons." **CELA**
- 1992 "Between a Rock and No Place: Site Made Manifest." **CELA**

Invited Lectures

- November 2011 "A. J. Downing and American Landscape Gardening." **[New York] Metro
Hort**, New York, New York
- September 2011 "Andrew Jackson Downing and American Landscape Gardening and
Rural Architecture." **Manhattan / Riley County Preservation Alliance**,
Manhattan, Kansas
- December 2010 "The Province of the Press: A. J. Downing, William Cullen Bryant, and the
American Park Movement," **New York Victorian Society**, New York,
New York
"Classical Gardens of Suzhou, China," **Kansas State University**
- April 2009 "‘Let every man whose soul is not a desert plant trees’: A. J. Downing and
Trees," **Tastemakers of an Era Symposium**, Historical Society of
Newburgh Bay & the Highlands, Newburgh, New York
- May 2009 "The Motorcar and the Landscape Critic," **Tsinghua University**, Beijing,
China
- October 2008 "The Motorcar and the Landscape Critic," **Nature & Culture Seminar, Hall
Center for the Humanities**, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
- January 2005 "A. J. Downing and Blandwood." **Blandwood Mansion**, Preservation
Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina
"A. J. Downing and American Landscape Gardening." **Bard Graduate
Center**, Garden History and Landscape Studies, New York, New York
- September 2002 "Mariana Griswold van Rensselaer (1851-1934): Writing About Landscape
Gardening in Post-Darwinian America." **Kansas State University**, Fall
Lecture Series, College of Architecture Planning & Design, Manhattan,
Kansas
- March 2001 "Mariana Griswold van Rensselaer (1851-1934): Writing About Landscape
Gardening in Post-Darwinian America." Fourteenth James E. Seaver
Lecture on Continuing Issues in Western Civilization, **University of
Kansas**, Lawrence, Kansas
- April 2000 "A. J. Downing and American Landscape Gardening." **Vassar College**,
Poughkeepsie, New York, all-campus lecture; also led Environmental

Studies Faculty Seminar; led tour of Montgomery Place for students in "Designing Nature," an American Culture/Art History seminar

- March 2000 "On Site: The Orange Dilemma." **University of Liverpool**, Liverpool, U. K.
- November 1999 "Landscapes of Movement and Landscapes in Time: Peut-on Danser Le Paysage?" Speaker at the **Dumbarton Oaks** Colloquium "The Landscape Approach by Bernard Lassus," Washington, DC
"A. J. Downing: Rethinking the American Landscape," American Studies Department, **George Washington University**, Washington, DC
- May 1999 "The Downing Connection," **Featured Speaker** at the **Plumb-Bronson House** historic site, Hudson, New York, sponsored by Historic Hudson
- October 1998 "From Editor to Old Digger: A. J. Downing's Collaboration With His *Horticulturist* Readers," **Keynote Speaker** at "Landscape Tales of the Hudson Valley," Symposium sponsored by **Historic Hudson Valley, The Garden Conservancy, and Bard College**, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York
- June 1998 "A. J. Downing and American Landscape Gardening," Speaker at "Tastemakers of an Era" Symposium sponsored by the **Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands**, Newburgh, New York

Photography Exhibition

- 2010 "Bamboo and Stone Flower: Images of China," Chang Gallery, Kansas State University.

Exhibition juried

- 2008 Three photographs in "Manhattan Area Photographers," **Manhattan Arts Center**, Manhattan, Kansas.

Professional Service

- 2009 to 2010 **Board of Advisors**, Society of Architectural Historians (**SAH**) **Landscape History Chapter**
International Examiner for Ph.D thesis, School of Graduate Research, University of Melbourne, Australia
- 2007 to 2009 **President SAH Landscape History Chapter**
Annotator of "Electronic Resources" at www.sahlandscape.org
- 2008 **Chair, 2008 SAH Elisabeth Blair MacDougall Book Award**
External reviewer for Promotion to Professor, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B. C., Canada
- 1993 to present **Manuscript reviewer** for Center for American Places, *Landscape Journal*, *Journal of Planning History*, MIT Press, Vassar College, University of California Press, *Studies in the History of Gardens and Designed Landscapes* (formerly *Journal of Garden History*)
- 2001 Paper Sessions Coordinator and paper reviewer and editor for West Central Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) 2001 Regional Mtg.
- 1998 **SAH Selection Committee for Berry and Kostof Annual Meeting Fellowships**
- 1990 to 1996 **Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review**, appointed by the Governor
Chair 1994-95; Vice-Chair 1993-94
Heritage Trust Fund Committee; Historic Preservation Fund Committee;
Strategic Planning sessions for the Kansas Historic Preservation Office

Courses Taught

2011 to present (KSU)	Environmental Design Studio I History and Theory of Landscape Architecture
1988 to 2010 (KU)	Undergraduate Lecture Courses Introduction to Landscape Architecture Landscape Design and Site Planning Theories of Landscape Architecture Urban Places Ecological Consequences of the City (interdepartmental team-taught course) Graduate Lecture Course Introduction to Landscape Architecture Site Planning Seminars Eighteenth- to Twentieth-Century American Landscape Design Darwin, Humboldt, and Changing Ideas in Landscape Architecture Studios (M.Arch program & B.Arch program) Graduate Design III Architectural Graphics I Basic Design & Architectural Graphics II Architectural Design I Architectural Design II Architectural Design III
	<hr/> Master Theses Committees & Directed Readings Ph.D. committee, Scott Shields, History of Art Ph.D. committee, Shen Hou, Department of History

University Service (KU)

2010	Program P & T Committee University Libraries Committee
2006-2011	School Sabbatical Committee (Chair)
2007-2010	University Distinguished Professor Committee School BA Task Force Committee
2007-2009	Program P & T Committee
2006	Ewart Scholarship Selection Committee University Assessment of General Education Interviewer
2005	New Curriculum Committee (1 st -year studios)
2004	University Sabbatical Committee
2003	Program New Faculty Mentor
2001 to 2002	Program Promotion & Tenure Committee (Chair)
2000 to 2002	University Sabbatical Committee
2000 to 2003	Faculty Interviewer For University Assessment of General Education
2000	School Ewart Scholarship Committee
2000	Program Building and Space Advisory Committee
1999 to 2002	MArch Program Application Review Committee
1999 to 2001	Program Scholarship Committee
1999 to 2000	School P & T Committee
1997 to 2000	University Planning & Resources Committee, Chair 1998-99
1997 to 2000	University & Faculty Council
1999	Program Faculty Exhibit for NAAB visit
1995 to 1998	Program Search Committee for Faculty Positions and Program Chair
1990 to 1996	Coordinator First-year studios
1989 & 1996	School P & T Committee

Professional Membership

Society of Architectural Historians (SAH)
 President, SAH Landscape Historians Chapter (2007-09)
 Advisory Board, SAH Landscape Historians Chapter (2010-present)
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA)
National Association of Olmsted Parks (NAOP)
The Cultural Landscape Foundation
Foundation for Landscape Studies