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Curriculum vitae
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2006 Seaton Hall
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Education

Master of Landscape Architecture | North Carolina State University | 2008
Master of Horticultural Science | North Carolina State University | 2005
Bachelor of Arts | Biology, Concentration: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology |
Rice University | 1999

Professional Registrations and Membership

Registered Landscape Architect, Kansas #913
American Society of Landscape Architects, Member

Academic Experience

August 2019-present	Kansas State University
2007 (Fall)	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Teaching Assistant
2003-2005	North Carolina State University Teaching Assistant

Professional Experience

2016-2019	Owner & Landscape Architect	Corazón Houston, TX
2017-2019	Design Associate	Asakura Robinson Houston, TX
2014-2016	Designer, Landscape Architect	McDugald Steele Houston, TX
2013-2014	Draftsman & Designer	Moss Landscaping Houston, TX
2011-2012	Designer & Project Manager	Home and Habitat Houston, TX

Courses Taught

ENVD 201	Environmental Design Studio I	LAR 351	Plant Patterns and Use
ENVD 202	Environmental Design Studio II	LAR 420.	Socio-Ecological Systems Studio
LAR 020	Travel: Regional II		
LAR 350	Introduction to Plant Materials		

Manuscripts Under Review/Revision

Wren, L. (*in preparation*). Fundamental Factors for Occupational Safety in Practice: A First Comparison of Landscape Architects and Contractors. *Landscape Journal*.

Non Peer-Reviewed Publications

Wren, Leslie. "On the Safe Side: Ample Training and Collaboration Can Protect Landscape Workers from Risk." *Landscape Architecture Magazine*. July 2021: 48-54.

Leshinsky, Eric, Taylor McNeill, and Leslie Wren. "Changing Houston, one little fix a time." *Houston Chronicle*. 12 Dec. 2017: n. pag. Print.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

2023 *Learn But Don't Touch! Designing a Toxicology Garden for a Veterinary Medical School*
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference,
San Antonio, TX

2022 *Navigating Post-Pandemic Realities and Plural 'Fields' of Landscape Architecture Education Pedagogical Strategies for Shifting Paradigms in Plants Classes and Beyond*
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference,
Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

2021 *HSW of Landscape Laborers: Ethics, Laws, and Logistics*
Lead Speaker, with Joshua Sundloff and Dylan Peck
ASLA Annual Conference, Nashville, TN

2018 *#&@%ing Landscape Architects! Why Maintenance Folks Hate Us*
TXASLA Annual Conference, Galveston, TX

2014 *Place & Placemaking at the Mesoscale:
A Study of Downtown Raleigh, North Carolina*
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference,
Baltimore, MD

Invited Lectures

- 2022 *Designing Outdoor Spaces.*
Douglas County (KS) Master Gardeners.
- 2021 *Making Outdoor Spaces More Livable: For Post-Pandemic People*
Douglas County (KS) Master Gardeners.
- 2010 *Form, Flow, Feel: A Strategic Approach to Placemaking in Downtown Raleigh*
Urban Design Center Brown Bag Lunch Series, Raleigh, NC,

Invited Design Critiques and Lectures

- 2022 Intro to LA | Guest Lecture: A Day in the Life of a Landscape Architect, with Jessica Canfield and Kirby Barrett | K-State, LAR 101

Interdisciplinary Studio | Guest Critique | K-State, ARCH 830
- 2021 NetPositive Studio | Guest Critique | K-State, ARCH 830

Intro to LA | Guest Lecture: A Day in the Life of a Landscape Architect, with Dr. Hyung Jin Kim and Kirby Barrett | K-State, LAR 101
- 2020 NetPositive Studio | Guest Critique | K-State, ARCH 830

Intro to LA | Guest Lecture: A Day in the Life of a Landscape Architect, with Dr. Sara Hadavi, Jessica Canfield, and Kirby Barrett | K-State, LAR 101

Design Competition Studio | Mid & Final Review | K-State, LAR 741
Architectural Design Studio 8 | Final Review | K-State, ARCH 807
- 2019 Plant Selection | Guest Lecture: Horticultural Installation and Maintenance Considerations, with Dr. Chad Miller | K-State, LAR 352

Intro to LA | Guest Lecture: A Day in the Life of a Landscape Architect, with Dr. Sara Hadavi, Jessica Canfield, and Kirby Barrett | K-State, LAR 101

Graduate Student Advising

Secondary Committee Member

Coup, Samuel. MLA 2023. "Multifunctionality at the Prairie Dunes Golf Course."

Payne, Caleb. MLA 2023. "A stewardship plan for the Franklin Park wilderness."

Wedel, Shaedon. MLA 2023. "Rainwater harvesting: the possibilities of an integrated network in urban communities based on people's perceptions, attitudes, and neighborly efforts."

Zhou, Chen. Master of Early Childhood Education 2023.

Cheng, Jia. MLA 2022. "Edugreen: A Tree Planting Initiative and Planting Plans for Elementary School Sites in Manhattan, KS."

Franks, Elizabeth. MLA 2022. "Ecotourism in the Flint Hills: exploring design and programming opportunities for Prairiewood in Manhattan, Kansas."

Wulfkuhle, Madison. MLA 2022. "Creating Agrihoods: Exploring Hybrid Agriculture Focused Residential Development."

Fitzgerald, Mikala. MLA 2021. "Together: Design Guidelines for Intergenerational Playgrounds."

Larkin, Katelyn. MLA, 2020. "Increasing Outdoor Play Opportunities in the Neighborhood Environment Through Play Streets."

Mader, Grace. MLA, 2020. "Designed Fields: Increasing the collaboration between landscape architecture and sustainable agriculture in the design of multi-functional agricultural landscapes"

University Service

University Member | President's Committee for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging | Fall 2021-Summer 2023

College Member | Undergraduate Standards Committee | Fall 2023-present
Member | Intercultural Collaboration Committee | Fall 2022-present
Diversity Point Person | Fall 2021- Summer 2023

Chair | Intercultural Collaboration Committee | Fall 2021- Fall 2022
Member | Intercultural Collaboration Committee | Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Member | ENV D Working Group | Fall 2019-Summer 2023

Department Manager |

Member | Commitment to Change Committee | Fall 2021-Summer 2022
Member | Student Affairs Committee | Fall 2021-Summer 2022
Member | Lectures and Exhibits Committee | Fall 2020-Summer 2022

Funding and Grants

National Park Service- Cooperative Agreement, 2023
Kansas State University- University Small Research Grant, 2021
Kansas State University- Open and Alternative Textbook Initiative Grant, 2021
North Carolina State University- Wendy L. Olson Scholarship (graduate student), 2007

Research Awards

2008 NCASLA Student Research Award

Design Competition Submissions

2009 Moore Square Design Competition | Raleigh, NC | team submission

Certifications and Training

2022 **Professional Development Certificate**, Manhattan, KS
Teaching and Learning Center, K-State

2021 **Kansas Master Naturalist Certificate**, Manhattan, KS
Kansas Master Naturalist Program / Konza Environmental Education Program
Professional Development Certificate, Manhattan, KS
Teaching and Learning Center, K-State

2020 **Professional Development Certificate**, Manhattan, KS
Teaching and Learning Center, K-State

2018 **Designing Early Childhood Outdoor Environments Certificate** | Online
Natural Learning Initiative, North Carolina State University
Outdoor Learning Environment Design Class and Workshop | Houston, TX
Texas Tech University
Texas Licensed Irrigator Class | Houston, TX
Water Education Training Service