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## **EDUCATION**

- 2009 – 2013      **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT**      **Ann Arbor, MI**  
**Master of Landscape Architecture**, August 2013.  
**Master of Science in Conservation Ecology**, August 2013.  
**Teaching Certificate**, December 2012.
- Overall GPA: 7.6/8.0 (equivalent to A- average).
  - Award-winning Graduate Student Instructor; taught for 8 semesters total.
    - 1 of 20 instructors to receive the 2011 Rackham Graduate School **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award**.
    - 2011 sole recipient of the Program in the Environment **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award**.
  - Selected as 1 of 200 alumna making a significant impact in the world. [Read the story here!](#)
- 2004 – 2007      **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT**      **Ann Arbor, MI**  
**Bachelor of Arts Highest Distinction** (top 3% of the entire University's graduating class), April 2007.
- Specialization: Land Use Management.
  - Overall GPA: 3.93/4.0; Environment GPA: 3.96/4.0.
- 2002 – 2004      **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF ARTS & LETTERS**      **East Lansing, MI**  
**Studio Art Student**.
- Residential Options in Arts & Letters (ROIAL) honor's student for two years.
  - Overall GPA: 3.97/4.0.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- **Certified Senior Ecologist**, Ecological Society of America, 2024.
- **Teaching Certificate**, University of Michigan, 2012.
- **National Environmental Education Certifications** for Project WET, Project WILD, Project Learning Tree, 2007.

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Nov. 2019 – 2025      **CITY OF LOS ANGELES**      **Los Angeles, CA**  
**Urban Ecologist**, Department of City Planning
- Appointed as the [City of Los Angeles' first Urban Ecologist](#), and to the Mayor's Climate Cabinet for Nature-based Solutions.
  - Catalyzed and assisted with ongoing "cross pollination" between public officials, City departments, County staff, other government agencies, researchers, non-profits, community-based organizations, private sector companies, and the public.
  - Coordinated with other City departments, and provided technical expertise towards:
    - [LA Sanitation and Environment's \(LASAN\) LA Biodiversity Index and Reports](#).
    - [Office of Forest Management and City Forest Officer on the enhancement of LA's urban forest](#).
    - [Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Power in Pollinators program](#).
  - Assisted Citywide Policy and Planning with drafting goals, policies, and programs that integrate concepts of climate resilience, environmental justice, and rewilding into the General Plan's Open Space Element, and conducting outreach at events.
  - Contributed technical expertise to the [Wildlife Pilot Study](#) and proposed [Wildlife Ordinance](#), which identified potential Protection Areas for Wildlife (PAWs) and Wildlife Movement Pathways (WMPs) within the City of LA and proposed land use regulations that balance development with wildlife habitat and connectivity.
  - Project managed a team of biological consultants, planners, and other experts to update the PAWs and WMPs, and create a Memo of recommendations for monitoring wildlife habitat and connectivity in the City.
  - Contributed to the creation of other reports, plans and policies (such as the Urban Forest Management Plan, Emergency Executive Order on Resilience Report Back to the Mayor's Office, and City Planning's Climate Action and Implementation Plan and Annual Departmental Biodiversity Reports).
  - Assisted planners with standardizing and streamlining the review of proposed development projects for potential impact on biological and ecological resources, through the creation of a Citywide Habitat Screening Map and associated [Biological Resources Assessment templates](#).

- Represented the City of LA at meetings, conferences, and other events related to sustainability, resilience, biodiversity, etc.
- Prepared and delivered [presentations](#), [educational outreach videos](#), and [public service announcements](#).
- Partnered with students, staff, post docs, and faculty at academic institutions (such as UCLA) to conduct research studies that provide data and results that can inform plans, policies, and projects that are being undertaken by the City.

May 2014 –  
2025

## **GROWN IN LA**

**Los Angeles, CA**

### **Founder & Chief Seed Sower**

- Catalyzed, advised, facilitated, and supported collaborative partnership networks to increase the local production of climate-appropriate plants for projects in LA, while simultaneously involving Angelenos in these urban conservation efforts.
  - *Example:* Co-created [Seed LA](#)—a collaborative group of government agencies and nonprofits working together “To increase the availability of genetically appropriate native seed in the greater Los Angeles region to protect and enhance the ecological health of plant communities and sustain resilient ecosystems.”
    - *Members:* National Park Service – Santa Monica Mountains, California Botanic Garden, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, North East Trees, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, Tree People, Theodore Payne Foundation.
  - *Example:* Co-created the establishment of a “nursery network” among existing nurseries in the Los Angeles area.
    - *Members:* City Plants, Community Nature Connection, Los Angeles County Fire, North East Trees, Tiuvac’a’ai Tribal Conservation Corps, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, National Audubon - Audubon Center at Debs Park.
- Creating an accessible online [Resource Hub](#) for the public to learn how to grow their own southern California native plants.
- Helped catalyze and advise efforts that provide “proof-of-concepts” for establishing localized socio-ecological models like:
  - [A 2.5-acre stormwater management and habitat enhancement demonstration project](#) on a post-industrial landscape adjacent to the L.A. River, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, Seed LA, and California State Parks.
  - Funding a 2-year pilot nursery in Griffith Park to help inspire and provide upstart advising assistance on the [Reinvigoration of a defunct municipal nursery through public-private partnerships](#) that is now growing the trees that are distributed for free through the City Plants program, via partners like the Los Angeles Conservation Corps.
- Conceived of, coordinated, and contributed to the creation of Needs Assessments for local seed, plant, and nursery needs in the Greater Los Angeles Area, to help provide those groups with clear paths forward to achieve their goals collectively.

Sept. 2013 –  
Present

## **URBAN ECOLOGY PUBLIC TOURS**

**Los Angeles, CA**

### **Content Creator, Coordinator, and Tour Guide**

- Increasing the public’s awareness of urban ecosystems by developing and leading walking and vehicle tours of places like the Los Angeles River, for as many as 65 people, covering topics such as: history, ecology, design, planning and politics.

Jan. 2019 –  
Dec. 2020

## **CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY POMONA**

**Pomona, CA**

### **Lecturer, Department of Landscape Architecture, College of Environmental Design**

- Primary instructor for studio courses, lecture-based courses, and field courses focused on urban ecology for landscape architecture students at the undergraduate and graduate level.
- Developed all course-related materials, including syllabi, lectures, handouts, assignments, exams, and field trips.

Aug. 2019 –  
Dec. 2019

## **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC)**

**Los Angeles, CA**

### **Landscape Ecology Faculty, School of Architecture**

- Primary instructor teaching urban ecology to 25 Master of Landscape Architecture and Master of Architecture students.
- Developed all course-related materials, including syllabus, lectures, handouts, assignments, and field excursions.

Sept. 2013 –  
March 2019

## **STUDIO-MLA (formerly MIA LEHRER + ASSOCIATES)**

**Los Angeles, CA**

### **Urban Ecologist / Associate**

- Spearheaded and assisted with the design firm’s ecological projects, including but not limited to:
  - [Urban Wildlife Connectivity Study](#) (Client: National Wildlife Federation; Size: Greater Los Angeles Region)
  - Stormwater Management and Habitat Enhancement Conceptual Designs along the Los Angeles River (Client: The Nature Conservancy; Size: 2.5 mile stretch of the LA River)
    - Received a [2018 Planning & Analysis Merit Award](#) (Southern CA American Society of Landscape Architects).
  - [Los Angeles County Sustainability Master Plan](#) (Client: County of Los Angeles; Size: 4,751 square miles)
  - [Northeast Los Angeles Placemaking Plan](#) (Client: Los Angeles Economic Workforce Development Department; Size: 5 neighborhoods located along 8 miles of the LA River)
  - [Santa Monica Sand Dunes Restoration](#) (Client: The Bay Foundation; Size: 2.5 acres)
  - [Cameron Nature Preserve](#) Vision Plan (Client: Mountains, Recreation and Conservation Authority; Size: 703 acres)
  - Tejon Ranch Campground Plan (Client: Tejon Ranch Conservancy; Size: 2 acres in 260,000-acre property)
  - Norco Naval Base Integrated Landscape and Lake Management Plan (Client: U.S. Navy; Size: 92 acres)

- Lennox Urban Street Tree Planting Plan (Client: From Lot to Spot; Size: 4 city blocks)
- Represented Studio-MLA at conferences, meetings, and events.
- Assisted with business development and promotional activities, including proposal writing, preparation and participation in interviews and presentations, award submissions, article writing, etc.

Sept. 2013 – June 2014	<b>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES (UCLA) EXTENSION</b> <b>Adjunct Instructor</b> , Horticulture and Gardening and Landscape Architecture Program	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Instructor in Spring and Fall quarters for <i>General Botany for Gardeners</i>.</li> <li>• Developed all course-related materials, including syllabi, lectures, handouts, assignments, exams, and field trips.</li> </ul>	
June 2011 – Aug. 2011	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BIOLOGICAL STATION (UMBS)</b> <b>Graduate Student Instructor</b> , Field Course in Urban & Environmental Planning	<b>Pellston, MI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted with planning and teaching a 2-month intensive field-based course for 10 students in northern Michigan; served as Project Coordinator for 1) the comprehensive review of water-related ordinances in Cheboygan County, and 2) the development of a Watershed Management Plan for Mullet Creek, for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.</li> </ul>	
Jan. 2011 – Apr. 2012	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT (PITE)</b> <b>Graduate Student Mentor</b>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught a training seminar for 3 semesters, which assisted new Graduate Student Instructors in improving their teaching.</li> <li>• Developed and facilitated workshops and seminars in planning, teaching, and evaluation; conducted Mid-Semester Feedback sessions with new GSIs; provided helpful reminders and resources; and held office advising hours each week.</li> </ul>	
Sept. 2009 – Dec. 2012	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT (PITE)</b> <b>Graduate Student Instructor</b>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motivated, educated, and inspired undergraduates for 8 semesters, by teaching weekly discussion sections, holding weekly office hours, and presenting class-wide lectures.</li> <li>• Assessed student and instructor needs, and responded with effective teaching strategies and assistance.</li> <li>• Participated in University workshops in teaching and learning methods.</li> <li>• Courses taught include: <i>Environmental Education</i> (Fall '09, Fall '12), <i>Environmental Ethics</i> (Winter '10), <i>Ecological Issues</i> (Fall '10 and '11), <i>The Built Environment</i> (Winter '11 and '12), and <i>Urban and Environmental Planning</i> (Summer '11).</li> </ul>	
Nov. 2008 – May 2009	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT (PITE)</b> <b>Interim Academic Advisor</b>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed program curricula, policy, and functions with other staff and faculty as a member of the Curriculum Committee and Faculty Advisory Committee.</li> <li>• Met with undergraduate students to discuss, declare, and plan environmental degrees and careers.</li> <li>• Coordinated the Honors Program for juniors and seniors.</li> </ul>	
Nov. 2007 – May 2009	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b> <b>Teaching and Inspiring Environmental Stewardship (TIES) Program Coordinator and Developer</b>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spearheaded the development of an environmental education program about sustainability that uses the Gold LEED-rated Dana Building as an example/exploratory laboratory. Program now reaches over 1,000 students annually.</li> <li>• Major responsibilities: determined program components; developed lesson plans and activities; managed tasks and timeline towards program completion; collaborated with local educators, exhibit design companies, U of M faculty, staff, and students; coordinated recruitment and training of staff; designed interpretive displays; designed and constructed interactive learning stations; planned program's kick-off event.</li> </ul>	
May 2007 – May 2009	<b>HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY (METROPARKS)</b> <b>Natural Resource Technician</b>	<b>Metropolitan Detroit, MI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planned, implemented, and oversaw ecosystem management efforts (including invasive species control, vegetative and herptile monitoring, seed collection, prescribed fires, and deer culling) for 13 parks (24,000 acres of parkland in total).</li> <li>• Developed and implemented a Natural Resource Workday program to engage local community members, youth groups and businesses (e.g. REI and Marriott Hotel) in restoration efforts; workday participants ranged from 2 to 90 people.</li> <li>• Produced educational materials and delivered presentations to provide training, assistance, and advice to park volunteers, staff, and attendees regarding conservation and ecosystem management.</li> <li>• Fostered relationships and collaborated with park interpreters, planners, and maintenance staff; environmental organizations; consultants; and volunteers to restore and care for land and waters within Southeast Michigan.</li> </ul>	

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2020 **CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY POMONA** **Pomona, CA**  
Lecturer, College of Environmental Design, **Plants + Ecology** (LA 6441), 3 units
- Primary instructor for the only plant and ecology course in the curriculum for 31 Master of Landscape Architecture students.
  - Created all course content and materials for a hybrid synchronous/asynchronous virtual course including: syllabus, assignments, lectures, videos, virtual field excursions, and other associated activities.
- Spring 2020 **CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY POMONA** **Pomona, CA**  
Lecturer, College of Environmental Design, **Commonwealth Demonstration Gardens Design** (LA 5990), 3 units
- Primary instructor teaching a site/planting design course for 9 landscape architecture students.
  - Created all course content and materials including: syllabus, assignments, lectures, field excursions, and activities.
- Fall 2019 **CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY POMONA** **Pomona, CA**  
Lecturer, College of Environmental Design, **Urban Ecology for Landscape Architects** (LA 5990), 3 units
- Primary instructor teaching a topics course on urban ecology to 9 Master of Landscape Architecture students.
  - Created all course content and materials including: syllabus, assignments, lectures, field excursions, and activities.
  - Course covered the major concepts, principles, and applications of ecology with an emphasis on how socio-political and economic relationships affect ecosystems and land use decisions.
  - Assignments included four research papers and two presentations on relevant urban ecology topics, such as wildlife corridors, brownfield remediation, constructed wetlands, and urban stream syndrome.
- Fall 2019 **CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY POMONA** **Pomona, CA**  
Lecturer, College of Environmental Design, **Field Explorations in Urban Ecology** (LA 4782), 3 units
- Primary instructor teaching a field-based topics course on urban ecology to 18 undergraduate and graduate students.
  - Created all course content and materials including: syllabus, assignments, and field excursions.
  - Weekly field trips explored montane, coastal, riparian, and urban ecosystems with an emphasis on how ecological knowledge can improve landscape management and design.
  - Semester-long project involved the creation of an Urban Ecology Field Guide, which comprised of weekly entries that correlated to field trips (including maps, sketches, landscape analyses, and reflections on ecological issues).
- Fall 2019 **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC)** **Los Angeles, CA**  
Landscape Ecology Faculty, School of Architecture, **Introduction to Urban Ecology** (ARCH 531), 3 credits
- Primary instructor teaching urban ecology to 25 Master of Landscape Architecture and Master of Architecture students.
  - Created all course content and materials including: syllabus, assignments, lectures, field excursions, and activities.
- Spring 2019 **CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY POMONA** **Pomona, CA**  
Lecturer, College of Environmental Design, **Landscape Architecture Capstone Laboratory** (LA 4612L), 3 units
- Primary instructor teaching the "Urban Ecology" section of the Senior Capstone Studio Course for 15 undergraduate landscape architect students.
  - Course project is working with the City of Los Angeles Department of Planning on the Wildlife Connectivity Study in the Hollywood Hills, between the 405 and 101 freeways.
- Spring 2014 **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES (UCLA)** **Los Angeles, CA**  
Adjunct Faculty, **General Botany for Gardeners** (BIOLOGY X 496.2), 4 credits
- Primary instructor who developed and delivered all course-related materials, including: syllabus, lectures, handouts, assignments, exams, and associated field trips.
- Fall 2013 **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES (UCLA)** **Los Angeles, CA**  
Adjunct Faculty, **General Botany for Gardeners** (BIOLOGY X 496.2), 4 credits
- Primary instructor who developed and delivered all course-related materials, including: syllabus, lectures, handouts, assignments, exams, and associated field trips.

Fall 2012	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Instructor, <b>Introduction to Environmental Education</b> (Environment 382), 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led 2 discussion sections that helped 24 students hone their teaching skills via individual and group evaluation. Graded students' written evaluation of an existing lesson plan, assisted students with the creation and implementation of their own lessons at host sites in the community, and co-developed and served as the primary grader for the midterm and final exam.</li> <li>Course topics: history of environmental education (EE), learning theories, the learning cycle, EE to foster environmentally responsible behavior, issue investigation, service learning, and developing, implementing and evaluating EE programs.</li> </ul>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
Winter 2012	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Mentor, <b>Training Seminar for New GSIs</b> (Natural Resource & Environment 600), 1 credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted new Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) with strengthening their teaching, advising, and presentation skills by planning and facilitating 4 different 2-hour workshops, conducting in-classroom Mid-semester Student Feedback evaluation sessions for the GSIs, holding weekly office hours, and acting as a communication conduit between supervisors and GSIs.</li> <li>Seminar topics: lesson planning; leading discussions; giving lectures; promoting active learning; assessing student learning through exams and assignments; creating rubrics and grading; engaging disinterested students; and troubleshooting.</li> </ul>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
Winter 2012	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Instructor, <b>The Built Environment</b> (Environment 350), 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closely assisted 48 students with their writing skills through both written and verbal feedback; graded an average of 40 pages of student written work per week; led writing workshops throughout the semester to strengthen students' written skills.</li> <li>Course topics: the history and metamorphosis of what is considered "built" versus what is deemed "natural"; addressing the question of "how to build?" rather than "whether or not to build."</li> </ul>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
Fall 2011	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Mentor, <b>Training Seminar for New GSIs</b> (Natural Resource & Environment 600), 1 credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted new Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) with strengthening their teaching, advising, and presentation skills by planning and facilitating 4 different 2-hour workshops, conducting in-classroom Mid-semester Student Feedback evaluation sessions for the GSIs, holding weekly office hours, and acting as a communication conduit between supervisors and GSIs.</li> <li>Seminar topics: lesson planning; leading discussions; giving lectures; promoting active learning; assessing student learning through exams and assignments; creating rubrics and grading; engaging disinterested students; and troubleshooting.</li> </ul>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
Fall 2011	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Instructor, <b>Ecological Issues</b> (Environment 201), 4 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned and facilitated 2 hour-and-a-half discussion sections each week for approximately 50 students total, graded and assisted students with an environmental opinion paper and an environmental outreach group project, and assisted with midterm and final exam development and grading.</li> <li>Course topics: populations and carrying capacity, biodiversity and extinction, terrestrial agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries, parks and land use, energy, water use and pollution, and climate change.</li> </ul>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
Summer 2011	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BIOLOGICAL STATION</b> Graduate Student Instructor, <b>Introduction to Urban and Environmental Planning</b> (Urban Planning 423), 5 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted with planning and teaching a 2-month intensive field-based course for 10 students; served as the Project Manager for student teams that completed 1) a comprehensive review of water-related ordinances in Cheboygan County, and 2) the development of a Watershed Management Plan for Mullet Creek, for the class's "client: Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.</li> <li>Presented lectures on "Alternative Transportation" and "Food Systems and Planning."</li> <li>Course topics: urban systems, planning history, land use and transportation, community development, suburbia, planning versus design, and people and politics.</li> </ul>	<b>Pellston, MI</b>
Winter 2011	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Mentor, <b>Training Seminar for New GSIs</b> (Natural Resource & Environment 600), 1 credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted new Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) with strengthening their teaching, advising, and presentation skills by planning and facilitating 4 different 2-hour workshops, conducting in-classroom Mid-semester Student Feedback evaluation sessions for the GSIs, holding weekly office hours, and acting as a communication conduit between supervisors and GSIs.</li> <li>Seminar topics: lesson planning; leading discussions; giving lectures; promoting active learning; assessing student learning through exams and assignments; creating rubrics and grading; engaging disinterested students; and troubleshooting.</li> </ul>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>

Winter 2011	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Instructor, <b>The Built Environment</b> (Environment 350), 3 credits	Ann Arbor, MI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closely assisted 42 students with their writing skills through both written and verbal feedback; grading an average of 40 pages of student written work per week.</li> <li>Course topic: the history and metamorphosis of what is considered “built” versus what is deemed “natural.”</li> </ul>	
Fall 2010	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Instructor, <b>Ecological Issues</b> (Environment 201), 4 credits	Ann Arbor, MI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned and facilitated 3 hour-and-a-half discussion sections each week for approximately 60 students total, graded and assisted students with an environmental opinion paper and an environmental outreach group project, and assisted with midterm and final exam development and grading.</li> <li>Course topics included: populations and carrying capacity, biodiversity and extinction, terrestrial agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries, parks and land use, energy, water use and pollution, and climate change.</li> </ul>	
Fall 2010	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN</b> Tutor, <b>Woody Plants</b> (Natural Resources & Environment 436), 4 credits	Ann Arbor, MI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided both individual and group tutoring to approximately 20 undergraduate and graduate students.</li> <li>Session topics: practical identification skills for 150 woody plants found in Michigan based on key characteristics (e.g. buds, fruit, leaves, bark, and associated ecosystem type), comparing different families and species.</li> </ul>	
Winter 2010	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Instructor, <b>Environmental Ethics</b> (Environment 376), 3 credits	Ann Arbor, MI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned and facilitated 3 hour-long discussion sessions for 51 students each week to explain key concepts and expand philosophical contemplation using a variety of different teaching methods (e.g. class discussions and debates, PowerPoint slide shows, role plays, video clips, news articles, children’s storybooks, and expression through art). Graded and assisted students with an individual, as well as a group paper, and graded midterm and final exams.</li> <li>Course topics: traditional and contemporary ethics, moral considerability, anthropocentrism, biocentrism, ecocentrism, zoocentrism, deep ecology, ecofeminism, species diversity and extinction, origins of the wilderness idea, Agroecology, biotechnology, perspectives of climate change, and the role of science in ethics.</li> </ul>	
Fall 2009	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, PROGRAM IN THE ENVIRONMENT</b> Graduate Student Instructor, <b>Introduction to Environmental Education</b> (Environment 382), 3 credits	Ann Arbor, MI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led 2 discussion sections that assisted 31 students with honing their teaching skills through individual evaluation and group dialogue and critique. Graded students’ written evaluation of an existing lesson plan, assisted students with the creation and implementation of their own lessons at host sites in the community, and also co-developed the midterm and final exam, and served as the primary grader for both.</li> <li>Course topics: history of environmental education (EE), learning theories, the learning cycle, EE to foster environmentally responsible behavior, issue investigation, service learning, and developing, implementing and evaluating EE programs.</li> </ul>	
Nov. 2008 – May 2009	<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b> Docent Trainer and Docent, <b>Teaching &amp; Inspiring Environmental Stewardship (TIES) Program</b>	Ann Arbor, MI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed and conducted approximately 5 informational training sessions for docents of the TIES program, with between 5 to 15 students per session.</li> <li>Session topics: effective docenting in both mobile and sedentary settings, managing groups, teaching to different ages and learning styles, and understanding the history behind the Dana Building’s “green” renovation.</li> </ul>	

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book Chapters

Published	<b>Superfisky, K., Henson, J.M., 2022. <i>Turning a River Into Infrastructure to Accommodate the Rise of the Megacity Called Los Angeles, California</i>. In: DellaSala, D.A., Goldstein, M.I. (Eds.), <i>Imperiled: The Encyclopedia of Conservation</i>, vol. 3. Elsevier, pp. 198–208. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-821139-7.00210-5">https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-821139-7.00210-5</a>.</b>
Published	<b>Superfisky, K., 2022. <i>The Nature of Infrastructure: How Imperiled Ecosystems Like the Los Angeles River Provide Cultural Ecosystem Services and Health Benefits to Urban Residents</i>. In: DellaSala, D.A., Goldstein, M.I. (Eds.), <i>Imperiled: The Encyclopedia of Conservation</i>, vol. 3. Elsevier, pp. 209–215. <a href="https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-821139-7.00205-1">https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-821139-7.00205-1</a>.</b>



### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Published Cooper, D.S., Wood, E.M., Katz, N.D., **Superfisky, K.**, Osborn, F.M., Novoselov, A., Tarczynski, J. & Bacasen, L. (2021). "Large Cities Fall Behind in 'Neighborhood Biodiversity'". *Front. Conserv. Sci.* 2:734931. DOI: [10.3389/fcsc.2021.734931](https://doi.org/10.3389/fcsc.2021.734931).
- Published **Superfisky, K.** and Katz, N. (2023). "Managing Urban Ecosystems: An Introduction to the Special Issue," *Cities and the Environment (CATE)*: Vol. 16: Iss. 1, Article 1. DOI: 10.15365/cate.2023.160101 Available at: <https://digitalcommons.lmu.edu/cate/vol16/iss1/1>.
- Published **Superfisky, K.** (2023). "Balancing Human Development with Wildlife Habitat and Connectivity through the Creation of Land Use Regulations for Private Property in Los Angeles, California," *Cities and the Environment (CATE)*: Vol. 16: Iss. 1, Article 7. DOI: 10.15365/cate.2023.160107 Available at: <https://digitalcommons.lmu.edu/cate/vol16/iss1/7>.

### Magazine Articles and Blog Posts

- Published **Superfisky, K.** and Pallini-Tipton, C. (2023, May 2). **Planning for Biodiversity in the Face of Climate Change.** American Planning Association. Available at: <https://www.planning.org/blog/9268953/planning-for-biodiversity-in-the-face-of-climate-change/>.
- Published **Superfisky, K.** (2017, June). **The Allure of the Urban Wild.** *LA Forum Magazine: Architecture/Urban/Design*, 19-22.
- Editorial description: "In 'The Allure of the Urban Wild,' Kat Superfisky challenges us to understand the great natural resources of Los Angeles as a vital and over overlooked public space. Furthermore, she advocates for an understanding of the city that is non-binary, moving away from nature and the city to a hybrid of urban-nature, an understanding of the region that could fundamentally restructure our experience of public space and nature in the city."
- Published Mia Lehrer + Associates (authored by **Superfisky, K.**). (2014, October). **Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County Nature Gardens.** *World Landscape Architecture WLA16*.

### Select Professional Plans and Reports

The following are examples of professional plans and reports I have worked on and contributed to in various capacities:

- 2024 [County of Los Angeles Community Forest Management Plan](#)  
Prepared for: The City  
Role: Subject Matter Expert
- 2022 [City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning Staff Recommendation Report: Wildlife Ordinance](#)  
Prepared for: The City of Los Angeles' City Planning Commission (CPC)  
Role: Lead author
- 2022 [LA Biodiversity Index Baseline Report](#)  
Prepared for: The City of Los Angeles  
Role: Expert Council and Interdepartmental Working Group member and contributor
- 2021 [Healthy Soils Strategy for the City of Los Angeles](#)  
Prepared for: The City of Los Angeles  
Role: Working Group member and report contributor
- 2020 [Biodiversity Report: A Customizable Biodiversity Index and Ecotopes Management Framework for the City of Los Angeles](#)  
Prepared for: The City of Los Angeles  
Role: Expert Council member and contributor
- 2019 [Our County – Los Angeles Countywide Sustainability Plan](#)  
Prepared for: County of Los Angeles  
Role: Subconsultant (as part of Studio-MLA) focused on the urban ecosystem sections

2019	<a href="#"><u>First Step towards an Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of Los Angeles</u></a> <i>Prepared for: City Plants</i>	
2018	<i>Role: Regular nonprofit participant/contributor (as part of Grown in LA)</i> <a href="#"><u>Biodiversity Report: Measurement of the Singapore Index of Cities' Biodiversity and Recommendations for a Customized Los Angeles Index</u></a> <i>Prepared for: The City of Los Angeles</i> <i>Role: Expert Council member and contributor</i>	
2018	<b>Los Angeles River Stormwater Management and Habitat Enhancement Conceptual Designs</b> <i>Client: The Nature Conservancy</i> <i>Role: Prime consultant (as part of Studio-MLA)</i>	
2014	<a href="#"><u>Northeast Los Angeles Placemaking Plan</u></a> <i>Client: Los Angeles Economic Workforce Development Department</i> <i>Role: Prime consultant (as part of Studio-MLA)</i>	

## PRESS | MEDIA

Jan. 2025	<a href="#"><u>"Bowtie: Breaking Ground on a New Wetland in Los Angeles"</u></a> <i>The Nature Conservancy - YouTube.com.</i>	Global
Jan. 2024	<a href="#"><u>"Teaching Climate Together - Urban Ecology: Can Los Angeles Be Fixed?"</u></a> <i>YouTube.com.</i>	Global
Dec. 2022	<a href="#"><u>"Memorial Hike Held at Griffith Park for Iconic Mountain Lion P-22"</u></a> <i>Spectrum News TV.</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Dec. 2022	<a href="#"><u>"Using Fossils to Bring a River Covered in Concrete Back to Life"</u></a> <i>New York Times.</i>	Global
Nov. 2022	<a href="#"><u>"Episode 516: Cougar Town"</u></a> <i>99% Invisible Podcast.</i>	Global
May 2021	<a href="#"><u>"LA Currents: LA Urban Ecologist, Kat Superfisky"</u></a> <i>Channel 35 - LA Currents.</i>	Los Angeles, CA
April 2021	<a href="#"><u>"City Nature Challenge"</u></a> <i>Channel 35 - Public Service Announcement.</i>	Los Angeles, CA
April 2021	<a href="#"><u>"City Planning Keeps Wildlife in Mind Alongside Urban Development"</u></a> <i>Channel 35 - LA This Week.</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Feb. 2021	<a href="#"><u>"Urban Ecologist Looks out for Residents and Wildlife in LA"</u></a> <i>Channel 35 - LA This Week.</i>	Los Angeles, CA
June 2018	<a href="#"><u>"Voices of L.A. Nature: Interview with Kat Superfisky"</u></a> <i>Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County's Nature in LA Blog.</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Sept. 2018	<a href="#"><u>"The LA River Reimagined: A Demolished Rail Yard Brings New Life to the Bowtie Parcel"</u></a> <i>KCET.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once one of Southern California's most important rail yards, the "Bowtie" will soon become the next urban California State Park, joining a patchwork of other river-adjacent green spaces that shape the course of LA River revitalization.</li> </ul>	Los Angeles, CA



Aug. – Oct. 2018	<p><b><a href="#">“South of Fletcher: Stories from the Bowtie”</a></b>  <i>Clockshop and Fonografia Collective Podcast Series.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through personal interviews with people who have worked, lived and otherwise made their marks on the Bowtie Parcel (an 18-acre post-industrial site along the Los Angeles River), this Podcast series explores some of LA's biggest challenges, and speculates about what change at this site might mean for the rest of the city.</li> </ul>	Los Angeles, CA
March 2018	<p><b><a href="#">“Bridges and Walls: LA River, Part 2”</a></b>  <i>KCRW Radio – Design and Architecture.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This 2-part series examines how a river without a clear path became a 51-mile concrete flood channel, and how artists and designers have responded to the ugly-beautiful gash dividing the Southland.</li> <li>In <i>LA River, Part 2</i>, DnA joins landscape urbanist Mia Lehrer and urban ecologist Kat Superfisky of Studio-MLA for a tour of the G2 parcel, a disused railyard that will be turned into a park alongside the Rio de Los Angeles State Park and the Bowtie Parcel, all parcels of the former Taylor Yard.</li> </ul>	Los Angeles, CA
Feb. 2018	<p><b><a href="#">“Bridges and Walls: LA River, Part 1”</a></b>  <i>KCRW Radio – Design and Architecture.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This 2-part series examines how a river without a clear path became a 51-mile concrete flood channel, and how artists and designers have responded to the ugly-beautiful gash dividing the Southland.</li> <li>On this broadcast, architects, engineers, activists, scholars, residents and artists (Judy Baca, Saber, Harry Gamboa, Jr, Michael Maltzan, Zoltan Pali, Frank Gehry, Andrew Bird, Jon Christensen, Kat Superfisky and Deborah Weintraub) talk about new and old bridges, the history of the LA River and how it became an inspiration to artists and designers.</li> </ul>	Los Angeles, CA
June 2015	<p><b><a href="#">“Imagining a Network of Native Plant Nurseries for the L.A. River”</a></b>  <i>KCET.</i></p>	Los Angeles, CA
May 2015	<p><b><a href="#">“Drought: Taking out your lawn? How to choose what to do next”</a></b>  <i>KPCC Radio.</i></p>	Los Angeles, CA

## PRESENTATIONS | SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Sept. 5, 2024	Co-Organizer, Moderator, Facilitator at the “Science and Practice” Urban Forest Symposium <i>Organized by the LA Urban Center, UCLA, and USC</i>	Arcadia, CA
Aug. 8, 2024	“Managing Urban Ecosystems as a Municipal Government in Los Angeles, CA” <i>Organized by the Ecological Society of America (ESA)</i>	Long Beach, CA
Feb. 8, 2024	“Incorporating Ecological Connectivity into Transportation in the City” <i>Zoom; Organized by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation</i>	Virtual - Los Angeles, CA
Sept. 16, 2023	“Living in a Wildlife Corridor” Expert Panel Discussion <i>Descanso Gardens; Organized by the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy</i>	La Cañada Flintridge, CA
Aug. 7, 2023	“Enhancing Biodiversity and Wildlife Connectivity in Los Angeles, California” <i>Oregon Convention Center; Organized by the Ecological Society of America</i>	Portland, OR
May 11, 2023	Emcee for the California ReLeaf Annual Retreat/Conference <i>California Endowment for the Arts; Organized by/for California ReLeaf</i>	Sacramento, CA
May 10, 2023	“Managing Urban Ecosystems in Los Angeles, California” <a href="#">Zoom</a> ; <i>Organized by/for The Stewardship Network as part of the monthly webcast series</i>	Virtual – Global
May 5, 2023	“Balancing Biodiversity and Human Development in the City of Los Angeles, California” <i>University of California, Santa Barbara; Organized by/for the SoCal Academy of Sciences Urban Biodiversity Symposium</i>	Santa Barbara, CA
Dec. 8, 2022	“City of Los Angeles Wildlife Ordinance” <i>Zoom; Organized by/for the City Planning Commission (CPC)</i>	Virtual – Los Angeles, CA

Feb. 11, 2021	“City of Los Angeles Biodiversity and Connectivity Efforts” <i>Zoom; Organized by a University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Institute for Environment and Sustainability (IoES) course</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
Jan. 20, 2022	“Connecting Los Angeles: City of LA’s Urban Ecology, Biodiversity, Connectivity Efforts” <i>Zoom; Organized by a Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD) course</i>	<b>Virtual</b>
Sept. , 2022	“City of Los Angeles’ Wildlife Pilot Study and Ordinance” <a href="#">Zoom</a> ; <i>Organized by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) as part of a Wildlife Corridors event</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
Aug. 4, 2021	“Enhancing Urban Ecosystems in Los Angeles: How Research Can Inform Plans, Policies and Projects that Address Green Infrastructure in Cities” <i>Zoom; Organized by the Ecological Society of America as part of the Annual Conference</i>	<b>Virtual – Global</b>
July 29, 2021	“Urban Ecology in Los Angeles” <i>Zoom; Organized by City of Los Angeles and City Plants as part of the “Growing Vibrant LA Communities” Symposium</i>	<b>Virtual – Southern CA</b>
July 14, 2021	“City of Los Angeles’ Wildlife Pilot Study” <i>Zoom; Organized by the City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Office for all departmental Chief Sustainability Officers (CSOs)</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
May 12, 2021	“Bridging the Gap between Ecology and Angelenos” <i>Zoom; Organized by California ReLeaf as part of the Annual Retreat/Conference</i>	<b>Virtual – Southern CA</b>
March 6, 2021	“Growing L.A.’s Urban Wild: Nature Where You Least Expect It” <i>Organized by the County of Los Angeles Arboretum</i>	<b>Virtual – Southern CA</b>
Feb. 24, 2021	“Starting a Native Plant Nursery with Youth Corps and Nonprofit Involvement” <i>Zoom; Organized by California ReLeaf as part of the “Learn Over Lunch” Monthly Webinar Series</i>	<b>Virtual – California</b>
Jan. 13, 2021	“Seeing the Landscape from the Trees: An Ecosystemic Approach to Urban Forestry” <a href="#">Adobe Connect Webinar</a> ; <i>Organized by the United States Forest Service (USFS) as part of the Urban Forest Connections Series</i>	<b>Virtual – National</b>
Nov. 20, 2020	Panel on the “Intersection Between Biodiversity & Landscape Design” <i>Zoom; Organized by the Association of Professional Landscape Designers Los Angeles Chapter &amp; City of Los Angeles Department of Sanitation and Environment (LASAN)</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
Nov. 18, 2020	“Connecting Los Angeles: Enhancing Wildlife Connectivity in Los Angeles” <i>Zoom; Organized by Assoc. of Professional Landscape Designers L.A. Chapter &amp; LASAN</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
Oct. 13, 2020	“City of Los Angeles’ Wildlife Pilot Study” <i>Zoom; Organized by the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter Meeting</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
Oct. 1, 2020	“City of Los Angeles’ Wildlife Pilot Study” <i>Zoom; Organized by the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Meeting</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
Sept. 17, 2020, Aug. 6, 2020	“Mountain Lions in Los Angeles” <i>Google Meet; Organized by City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning GeoTeams</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
May 9, 2020	“Poppy Hour” Panel Discussion about the Urban Wild and L.A. River <a href="#">Virtual event via Zoom/YouTube</a> ; <i>Organized by The Theodore Payne Foundation</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
Apr. 27, 2020	“Storytime in the Apocalypse”: Poetry Readings about the L.A. River by Lewis MacAdams <i>Zoom; Organized by Good Is Better</i>	<b>Virtual - Global</b>
Apr. 13, 2020	“Natura Urbana” Urban Ecology in Berlin and Los Angeles Panel Discussion <a href="#">Virtual panel discussion via Zoom</a> ; <i>Organized by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)</i>	<b>Virtual - Global</b>

Feb. 24, 2020	"Symbiotic Cities: Uncovering and Enhancing Ecology in Los Angeles" <i>Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County; Organized for the Southern California Garden Clubs</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Feb. 19, 2020	Quarterly Thought Leadership Series, Panel on "Maximizing the Impact of Urban Landscapes" <i>Griffith Park Visitor's Center; Organized by the US Green Building Council's LA Chapter</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Dec. 10, 2019	"City of Los Angeles' Wildlife Pilot Study" <i>Edition Hotel Ballroom; Organized by the Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association Meeting</i>	West Hollywood, CA
Nov. 16, 2019	"City of Los Angeles' Wildlife Pilot Study" <i>Community Workshop in the Hollywood Hills; Organized by the City of Los Angeles' Department of City Planning</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Aug. 1, 2019	"The Allure of the Urban Wild" <i>University of California Los Angeles (UCLA); La Kretz Pavilion in the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden</i>	Los Angeles, CA
June 3, 2019	"Symbiotic Cities: Reimagining Urban Infrastructure as an Opportunity for Wildlife Connectivity" <i>International Urban Wildlife Conference</i>	Portland, OR
May 1, 2019	"The Allure of the Urban Wild" <i>California State University Polytechnic; Organized by the College of Environmental Design</i>	Pomona, CA
April 13, 2019	"The Los Angeles River and Grown in LA" <i>Organization of Women Executives (OWE) Luncheon held at the California Club</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Oct. 23, 2018	"Community-led Re-development for Jobs, Housing and Quality of Life" <i>California Land Recycling Conference; organized by the Center for Creative Land Recycling</i>	Carson, CA
Oct. 17, 2018	"Designing Open Space Along the Los Angeles River" <i>South of Fletcher: Stories from the Bowtie Project; moderated by City of LA Chief Design Officer Christopher Hawthorne</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Sept. 13, 2018	"Developing a New Model for Urban Conservation" <i>The Nature Conservancy's North American Cities Convening</i>	Los Angeles, CA
March 14, 2018	"Dealing with Difficult Park Sites" <i>California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference</i>	Long Beach, CA
Oct. 20, 2017	Los Angeles River Field Session <i>American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Conference</i>	Los Angeles, CA
June 6, 2017	Urban Wildlife Connectivity Poster Session Presentation <i>International Urban Wildlife Conference</i>	San Diego, CA
April 19, 2017	"Urban Wildlife Connectivity" <i>California Trails and Greenways Conference</i>	Monterey, CA
Oct. 16, 2016	"The Importance of Analyzing Urban Wildlife Connectivity" <i>Wildlife Week Event, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Oct. 22, 2016	"The Future of the Los Angeles River – Impacts of Alternative 20" <i>American Planning Association (APA) – California Chapter Conference</i>	Pasadena, CA
Apr. 30, 2016	"Grown in LA: The Importance of Growing Natives with Food Crops" <i>Los Angeles Urban Agriculture Summit</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Nov. 19, 2015	"Grown in LA" <i>Enhancing Urban Biodiversity: A Multi-Sector Approach for a Sustainable Los Angeles Conference</i>	Los Angeles, CA

Nov. 11, 2012	"How to Develop an Environmental Education Program" <i>Introduction to Environmental Education (Environment 382) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
March 14, 2012	"How to Develop an Environmental Education Program" <i>Advanced Environmental Education (Natural Resources &amp; Environment 581) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Feb. 21, 2012	"Stereotyping Space" <i>The Built Environment (Environment 350) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Feb. 2, 2012	"Where Do We Belong? Addressing Our Place + Purpose through Landscape Architecture" <i>The Built Environment (Environment 350) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Dec. 6, 2011	"Sustainable Design & Building Community Awareness" <i>Ecological Issues (Environment 201) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Oct. 9, 2011	"Aesthetics: A Proposed Fourth Pillar of Sustainability" <a href="#">TEDxNicholsArboretum</a> , University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum	Ann Arbor, MI
Aug. 15, 2011	"Urban Agriculture: Food Systems and Planning" <i>Intro to Urban and Environmental Planning (Urban Planning 423) course, University of Michigan Biological Station</i>	Pellston, MI
July 21, 2011	"Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)" <i>Intro to Urban and Environmental Planning (Urban Planning 423) course, University of Michigan Biological Station</i>	Pellston, MI
July 7, 2011	"Alternative Transportation: Mackinac Island, MI Case Study" <i>Intro to Urban and Environmental Planning (Urban Planning 423) course, University of Michigan Biological Station</i>	Pellston, MI
April 7, 2011	"We Are What We Build" <i>The Built Environment (Environment 350) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
March 23, 2011	"Private Land Urban Agriculture: Design, Vision, and the American Lawn" <i>Urban Agriculture (NRE 501), University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
March 22, 2011	"Where we fit in Susta(i)nability" <i>North Quad Residential Hall Sustainability Week Enrichment Event, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Nov. 29, 2011	"Ecosystem Management at the Metroparks" <i>Ecological Issues (Environment 201) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
April 1, 2010	"Agroecology: Beyond Organic" <i>Environmental Ethics (Environment 376) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Nov. 23, 2009	"How to Develop an Environmental Education Program" <i>Environmental Education (Environment 382) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Oct. 7, 2009	"Environmental Education to Foster Environmentally Responsible Behavior" <i>Environmental Education (Environment 382) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Feb. 11, 2009	"Defining "Nature" and Human's Role within It" <i>The Built Environment (Environment 350) course, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Throughout 2008	"Natural Resource Management at the Metroparks" <i>Various Park Administration, Maintenance and Interpreter Meetings, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority</i>	Southeast, MI
July 2007	"Geographic Information Systems: Importance in Land Use Planning & Tutorial" <i>Park Planning, Engineering and Natural Resource Departments Meeting, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority</i>	Brighton, MI

## AFFILIATIONS | SERVICE

2025 – Present	<b>Society of Ecological Restoration (SER)</b> <i>Member</i>	Global
2025 – Present	<b>Ecological Society of America (ESA) Nominations Committee</b> <i>Member (nominated position)</i>	Global
2023 – Present	<b>Ecological Society of America (ESA) Board of Professional Certification</b> <i>Member (elected position)</i>	Global
2022 – Present	<b>U.S. Forest Service's Los Angeles Urban Center Executive Oversight Team (EOT)</b> <i>Member (elected position)</i>	Los Angeles, CA
2021 – Present	<b>City Plants Advisory Board</b> <i>Board Member for city-wide nonprofit that enhances the urban forest of Los Angeles (invited position)</i>	Los Angeles, CA
2018 – Present	<b>California ReLeaf Board of Directors</b> <i>Board Member for state-wide nonprofit that enhances urban forests across California (invited position)</i>	California
2019 – Present	<b>International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)</b> <i>Member</i>	International
2017 – Present	<b>City of Los Angeles Biodiversity Index Expert Council</b> <i>Expert Council Member (invited position; 1 of approximately 40 people selected by the City of Los Angeles)</i>	Los Angeles, CA
2014 – Present	<b>Ecological Society of America (ESA)</b> <i>Certified Senior Ecologist and Member; 2014 Earth Stewardship Initiative (ESI) Fellow</i>	International
2021 – 2022	<b>Cities and the Environment (CATE) Publication</b> <i>Guest Editor for the Special Issue on "Managing Urban Ecosystems"</i>	International
2019 – 2020	<b>California State Polytechnic University Pomona's Landscape Architecture Thesis Program</b> <i>Thesis Committee Member for a Master of Landscape Architecture student</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topic: "Mycoremediation of Diesel Range Organics &amp; Other Toxic Contaminants: Examining Mechanics &amp; Practices of Mycoremediation in Urban Brownfields like Taylor Yard, Los Angeles, CA"</li></ul>	Pomona, CA
2017 – 2019	<b>The Nature Conservancy's Biodiversity Analysis in Los Angeles (BAILA)</b> <i>Science Advisor (invited position; 1 of 6 people selected from the Greater Los Angeles Area)</i>	Los Angeles, CA
2017 – 2019	<b>City of Los Angeles Sustainability pLAN Working Group</b> <i>Urban Ecology Working Group Member/Advisor</i>	Los Angeles, CA
2014 – 2018	<b>California Regional Environmental Education Community, Los Angeles (CREEC-LA)</b> <i>Member</i>	Los Angeles, CA
2017 – 2018	<b>City of Los Angeles Urban Forestry Management Plan Working Group</b> <i>Working Group Member/Advisor</i>	Los Angeles, CA
2017 – 2018	<b>American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)</b> <i>Member</i>	National
2017 – 2018	<b>Los Angeles Unified School District's LA River School Advisory Board</b> <i>Board Member (invited position)</i>	Los Angeles, CA

2017 – 2018	<b>Cypress Park Neighborhood Council's Planning, Land Use and Environment Committee</b> <i>Member</i>	Los Angeles, CA
2012 – 2015	<b>Los Angeles Food Policy Council (LAFPC)</b> <i>Urban Agriculture Working Group Member</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Dec 2013 – Sept. 2015	<b>Project 51: Play the LA River</b> <i>Programming Co-Lead</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A collective of 11 artists, scientists, designers, planners, scholars and river-advocates wo organized a public outreach and engagement initiative called <i>Play the LA River</i>, which raised awareness about and access to the LA River.</li></ul>	Los Angeles, CA
Apr. 2011 – Aug. 2013	<b>Public Radio WCBN 88.3FM</b> <i><a href="#">"It's Hot in Here"</a> Environmental Radio Talk Show Host, WCBN-FM-Ann Arbor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Co-host of a weekly, hour-long radio show that brought a variety of different environmental topics and events to the attention of the Ann Arbor public, through guest interviews, news updates, and musical selections. Example segments include: <i>Environmental News and Journalism; Religion and the Environment; Earth Art; Poverty &amp; Sustainability in Detroit.</i></li></ul>	Ann Arbor, MI
Jan. 2013 – Apr. 2013	<b>Art &amp; Environment Group</b> <i>Co-founder and Co-Leader, University of Michigan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Spearheaded the creation of an interdisciplinary group comprised of University students, staff, and faculty, who explore the intersection between art and the environment and are dedicated to bringing creativity to SNRE through art projects, music, creative writing, trips to exhibits and discussions.</li></ul>	Ann Arbor, MI
Jan. 2011 – Apr. 2013	<b>Doris Duke Conservation Fellows, Woodrow Wilson Foundation</b> <i>Co-coordinator of Annual "Art, Environment + Education" Postcard Contest, Ann Arbor Public Schools</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coordinated annual postcard contest for Ann Arbor area K-12 students, which entailed developing theme and promotional materials; coordinating with teachers, students, judges, and SNRE staff; and planning a winner's reception.</li><li>Themes: "Who's Who in Nature", "Our Environment: What's Worth Protecting?", "Wonderful Water"</li></ul>	Ann Arbor, MI
Sept. 2010 – Apr. 2013	<b>Building Environmental Awareness and Relationships (BEAR) Program</b> <i>Program Co-founder &amp; Mentor, University of Michigan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Spearheaded the development of an interdisciplinary mentorship program between Masters and Bachelors students pursuing degrees in environmentally-related fields, and served as a mentor for students.</li></ul>	Ann Arbor, MI
Sept. 2009 – Aug. 2013	<b>Student American Society of Landscape Architects (SASLA)</b> <i>Member and Vice President, University of Michigan Chapter</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leadership position that provided student landscape architects with educational, social, and professional experiences.</li></ul>	National
Jan. 2010 – Aug. 2012	<b>School of Natural Resources &amp; Environment Executive Committee</b> <i>Student Representative, University of Michigan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advisory cabinet for the Dean that makes final decisions on matters relating to SNRE; comprised of the Dean of SNRE, the two Associate Deans, three faculty members, and one student representative.</li></ul>	Ann Arbor, MI
Nov. 2008 – May 2009	<b>Program in the Environment Student Advisory Committee (SAC)</b> <i>Staff Representative, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
May 2007 – May 2009	<b>Stewardship Network of Michigan</b> <i>Member &amp; Metroparks Representative at Headwaters &amp; Huron-Arbor Cluster Meetings</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coalition of non-profits, governmental agencies and units, private businesses, and dedicated individuals that builds the capacity to preserve, restore, and manage Michigan's natural lands and waters.</li></ul>	Southeast MI
Jan. 2006 – May 2007	<b>Program in the Environment Student Government</b> <i>President &amp; Student Representative, University of Michigan</i>	Ann Arbor, MI

Sept. 2006 – Dec. 2006	<b>English Language Institute</b> <i>Conversation Circle Leader, University of Michigan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted international students in better understanding the English language and American culture.</li></ul>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
Sept. 2004 – May 2007	<b>Environmental Action (EnAct) Student Group</b> <i>Member, University of Michigan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Student group dedicated to promoting a healthy planet through environmental education outreach to local middle schools, Hands on the Planet (HOTP) service days, environmental art installations, and recycled notebook production.</li></ul>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>

## CONFERENCES | SYMPOSIA

Sept. 5, 2024	Urban Forestry for Changing Times: The Practice of Science and the Science of Practice Symposium <i>US Forest Service Headquarters – Angeles National Forest</i>	<b>Arcadia, CA</b>
Aug. 8, 2024	Ecological Society of America (ESA) Annual Meeting <i>Long Beach Convention Center</i>	<b>Long Beach, CA</b>
Aug. 7, 2023	Ecological Society of America (ESA) Annual Meeting <i>Oregon Convention Center</i>	<b>Portland, OR</b>
Nov. 11-13, 2021	American Society of Landscape Architecture Annual Conference <i>San Francisco Convention Center</i>	<b>San Francisco, CA</b>
Aug. 9, 2021	Ecological Society of America (ESA) Annual Conference <i>Virtual – via Zoom</i>	<b>Virtual – International</b>
July 29, 2021	Growing Vibrant LA Communities Symposium on Biodiversity <i>Virtual – via Zoom</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
May 12, 2021	California ReLeaf Annual Retreat/Conference <i>Virtual – via Zoom</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
Nov. 20, 2020	Los Angeles Biodiversity Summit <i>Virtual – via Zoom</i>	<b>Virtual – Los Angeles, CA</b>
May 22, 2020	City of Los Angeles Tree Summit <i>Virtual – via Zoom</i>	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
Nov. 16-17, 2019	American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Conference <i>San Diego Convention Center</i>	<b>San Diego, CA</b>
June 24, 2019	International Urban Wildlife Conference <i>Portland State University</i>	<b>Portland, OR</b>
May 31, 2019	California ReLeaf Retreat <i>Organized by California ReLeaf at the California Endowment Building</i>	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
Oct. 24, 2018	California Land Recycling Conference <i>Organized by the Center for Creative Land Recycling</i>	<b>Carson, CA</b>
Sept. 27, 2018	State of the Los Angeles River Watershed Symposium <i>Organized by the Council for Watershed Health at the Autry Museum</i>	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
Sept. 12-14, 2018	North American Cities Convening <i>Organized by The Nature Conservancy at The Line Hotel</i>	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>



March 13-15, 2018	California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference <i>Long Beach Convention Center</i>	Long Beach, CA
Oct. 19-22, 2017	American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Conference <i>Los Angeles Convention Center</i>	Los Angeles, CA
June 5-7, 2017	International Urban Wildlife Conference <i>San Diego State University</i>	San Diego, CA
April 19-20, 2017	California Trails and Greenways Conference <i>Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel &amp; Spa</i>	Monterey, CA
Oct. 22, 2016	American Planning Association (APA) – California Chapter Conference <i>Pasadena Conference Center</i>	Pasadena, CA
Apr. 30, 2016	Los Angeles Urban Agriculture Summit <i>Organized by the Los Angeles Food Policy Council at Los Angeles Trade Technical College</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Nov. 19, 2015	Enhancing Urban Biodiversity: A Multi-Sector Approach for a Sustainable Los Angeles Conference <i>Organized by the Council for Watershed Health at the South LA Community Recreation Center</i>	Los Angeles, CA
July 18-19, 2015	Native Plant Seed Collection Class <i>Organized by Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden</i>	Claremont, CA
Aug. 9-15, 2014	Ecological Society of America (ESA) Conference <i>Sacramento Convention Center</i>	Sacramento, CA
Oct. 10, 2013	State of the Los Angeles River Watershed Symposium <i>Organized by the Council for Watershed Health at Pomona</i>	Los Angeles, CA
March 8, 2013	Los Angeles River Symposium <i>Organized by the Council for Watershed Health at CBS Studios</i>	Los Angeles, CA
Oct. 22, 2012	Dealing with (Dis)abilities in the Classroom <i>University of Michigan's Center for Research, Learning, and Teaching Workshop</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Oct. 10, 2012	Preparing Future Faculty Conference <i>University of Michigan's Center for Research, Learning, and Teaching Workshop</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Sept. 20, 2012	Incorporating Google into the Classroom <i>University of Michigan's Center for Research, Learning, and Teaching Workshop</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Dec. 7, 2011	Being an Effective Graduate Student Mentor <i>University of Michigan's Center for Research, Learning, and Teaching Workshop</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Oct. 19, 2011	Engaging Disinterested Students <i>University of Michigan's Center for Research, Learning, and Teaching Workshop</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Sept. 23-26, 2010	Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation's Conservation Fellows Gathering <i>Conference and Leadership Training for 2010 Doris Duke and Wyss Scholars</i>	Shepherdstown, WV
Oct. 22, 2009	Fundamentals of Effective Lecturing <i>University of Michigan's Center for Research, Learning, and Teaching Workshop</i>	Ann Arbor, MI

Sept. 21, 2009	Leading Discussions in the Social Sciences & Humanities <i>University of Michigan's Center for Research, Learning, and Teaching Workshop</i>	Ann Arbor, MI
Jan. 19-20, 2008	The Science, Practice, & Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems <i>Stewardship Network Annual Conference</i>	East Lansing, MI

## HONORS

### Awards

2020	<b>Outstanding Part-time Faculty Award</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Award received by student vote to acknowledge excellence in teaching in the College of Environmental Design.</li> </ul>	<b>California State Polytechnic University - Pomona</b>
2018	<b>American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Planning &amp; Analysis Award</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merit Award received for the L.A. River Stormwater Management and Habitat Enhancement Conceptual Designs project.</li> </ul>	<b>Southern CA ASLA</b>
2013	<b>Landscape Architecture Alumni Award</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to the student with the greatest potential for original and imaginative work.</li> </ul>	<b>University of Michigan</b>
2012	<b>Sigma Lambda Alpha</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Honor Society recognizing outstanding scholarship in landscape architecture; awarded to students who have complete half of the three-year professional program and maintained a grade-point average of 7.2 or higher.</li> </ul>	<b>International</b>
2012	<b>Samuel T. Dana Award</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to a student who has demonstrated continued leadership in the School of Natural Resources and Environment.</li> </ul>	<b>University of Michigan</b>
2011	<b>Rackham Graduate School Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honors 20 Graduate Student Instructors (out of over a thousand) who have demonstrated exceptional ability, creativity, and continuous growth as teachers; who serve as outstanding mentors; and who demonstrate growth as scholars.</li> </ul>	<b>University of Michigan</b>
2011	<b>PitE Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to 1 instructor per year.</li> </ul>	<b>University of Michigan</b>
2010	<b>William B. Stapp Award for Excellence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes leadership and excellence in the field of Environmental Education.</li> </ul>	<b>University of Michigan</b>
2007	<b>Diploma of Highest Distinction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to the top three percent of U-M's entire graduating class, based on cumulative grade point average.</li> </ul>	<b>University of Michigan</b>
2007	<b>Phi Beta Kappa</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences.</li> </ul>	<b>National</b>
2007	<b>James B. Angell Scholar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to students who earn all A+, A, or A- grades for two or more consecutive terms in a calendar year.</li> </ul>	<b>University of Michigan</b>
2005 – 2007	<b>University Honors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded to students who earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher during a term.</li> </ul>	<b>University of Michigan</b>
2005 – 2007	<b>Residential Option in Arts and Letters (ROIAL) honors program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two-year residency and academic program for high performing students in the College of Arts and Letters.</li> </ul>	<b>Michigan State University</b>
2002 – 2004	<b>Dean's List</b>	<b>Michigan State University</b>

### Fellowships

2014	<b>Earth Stewardship Initiative (ESI) Fellowship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fellowship awarded by Yale University to 15 scientists and designers to participate in an applied ecology demonstration project at the Ecological Society of America (ESA) conference in order to push the practice of urban ecology forward.</li> </ul>	<b>National</b>
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2010 – 2011

**Doris Duke Conservation Fellowship**

**National**

- Awarded to top 41 graduate students in the US with conservation leadership potential in the non-profit and public sectors.

Scholarships

2019

**Cal Poly Pomona Travel Scholarship**

**California State Polytechnic University**

- Awarded to faculty members with travel associated with professional work.

2012

**Alice and Jessie Bourquin Memorial Scholarship**

**University of Michigan**

- Awarded to a student with unique travel plans associated with research on a landscape architecture-related topic.

2006

**Gates Scholarship**

**University of Michigan**

- Departmental award for field experience expenses; awarded to students with high academic standing and promising futures in the field of environmental sciences.

2006

**James & Wendy Abrams Fund**

**University of Michigan**

- Departmental award for field experience expenses; awarded to students with high academic standing and promising futures in the field of environmental sciences.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- **Eyesight:** 20/11 = keen visual observation skills!
- **Citizenship:** United States.
- **Computer skills:** Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint); Adobe Creative Suite; ArcGIS.
- **Interests:** adventuring; making art from found objects/mixed media; shameless singing and dancing; public radio; and the sights, sounds, and smell of nature (especially in autumn in Michigan).
- **Fun fact:** I have traveled to 44 states in the United States and aspire to visit all 50 in my lifetime.
- **Favorite urban landscape:** an 18 acre post-industrial landscape along the LA River, known as the “Bowtie Parcel” (pictured below)...

