

MELISSA ERIKSON, A S L A
SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Professional Experience

Design, Community & Environment, Berkeley, California. Senior Associate. 2005 through present. Responsible for project management, research, report writing and conceptual design through construction documents for landscape architecture, urban design, environmental review documents and planning projects with a focus on public parks, playgrounds, mixed use developments, accessibility and community participation. Project Manager of the *Water Efficient Demonstration Garden* for the Santa Clara Valley Water District, *Smart Urban Landscapes: Residential Landscape Design Templates & Guidelines* for the California Urban Water Conservation Council, *Dutch Slough Community Park* for the City of Oakley, as a subconsultant to 2M Associates, the *IDEAscape Master Plan* for the City of Roseville and the *Potrero Hill Recreation Center/Playground* and the *Visitation Valley Greenway Community Garden* both for the Trust for Public Land.

April Philips Design Works, Inc., Sausalito, California. Associate. 2003 through 2004. Created schematic design through construction documents. Served as primary client contact, managed projects including master plans, parks and schools.

Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc., Berkeley, California. Project Associate. 2001 through 2003. Created schematic, design development and construction documents. Wrote reports, served as primary client contact. Managed projects including parks, schools, campuses, ADA self-evaluation and transition plans, accessibility assessments and universal design guidelines.

Hart Howerton, San Francisco, California. Intern. 2001. Created and edited grading and planting plans and details.

Education

Master of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley.

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Art (Studio), Saint Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Teaching

Instructor. *University of California, Davis Extension.* 2007 through 2008. Teaching sustainable planning, environmental site design and development.

Graduate Student Instructor. *University of California, Berkeley.* 2000. Taught section of introductory design studio; created and gave lectures; provided skill demonstrations and desk critiques.

Graduate Student Researcher. *University of California, Berkeley.* 1999 through 2000. Developed course reference materials; inventoried campus plants; created 3-D GIS models and a long range vegetative management plan.

Selected Publications

Does the Neighborhood Landscape Matter? Downtown Oakland Case Study. Original research, conference presentation and publication, 2000.

“Storing Memories in the Yard: Remaking Poplar Street, The Shifting Black Cultural Landscape.” Written with Walter Hood and published in *Sites of Memory*, Princeton Architectural Press, 2001.

Awards

Geraldine Knight Scott Traveling Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley, 2001.

College of Environmental Design Alumni Association Award, U.C. Berkeley, 2001.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, U.C. Berkeley, 2001.

ASLA Certificate of Merit, U.C. Berkeley, 2001.

Professional Affiliations

Member, American Society of Landscape Architects.

Editor, *Update*, the bi-monthly newsletter of the ASLA, Northern California Chapter.

Landscape Architect, California License #5024.