

SIGNE NIELSEN

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

1972	B.A. cum laude Urban Planning, Smith College
1975	B.S.L.A. Landscape Architecture, City College of New York, School of Architecture
2001	B.S. Construction Management, Pratt Institute School of Architecture

REGISTRATION

1980	New York	-	Landscape Architect
1985	New Jersey	-	Landscape Architect
1992	CLARB	-	Certificate
1995	Connecticut	-	Landscape Architect
2001	Maryland	-	Landscape Architect
2019	Massachusetts	-	Landscape Architect

EXPERIENCE

1994 -	Partner, Mathews Nielsen, P.C. Landscape Architecture, New York
1979 - 2004	Principal, Signe Nielsen, P.C. Landscape Architect, New York
1980 - 1990	Partner, Mason Nielsen, Inc. Landscape Construction Company, New York
1978 - 79	M. Paul Friedberg and Partners, New York
1977 - 78	Frank Basil, Consulting Engineers, Athens, Greece
1976 - 77	Doxiadis Associates, Athens, Greece
1973 - 76	Quennell Rothschild Associates, New York

AWARDS

1987	Art Commission of the City of New York: Design Excellence Award (Prospect Expressway Parks)
1988	Staten Island Chamber of Commerce: Design Award (Staten Island Children's Museum)
1992	Parks Council: Philip Winslow Award for Landscape Design (Prospect Expressway Parks)
1995	AIA New York State: Build New York Award (P.S. 7)
1996	Landmarks Preservation Commission: Preservation Achievement Award (Fulton Landing Pier)
1996	The Waterfront Center: Excellence on the Waterfront Award (Hudson River Park Master Plan)
1997	New York Landmarks Conservancy: Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award (Pratt Institute)
1997	New York Association of Consulting Engineers: Honor Award (Fulton Landing Pier)
1998	National Art and Design Competition for Street Trees: Third Prize (Greening of Greenwich Street)
1998	American Society of Landscape Architects: Merit Award (Hudson River Park Master Plan)
1998	New York Construction News: Highway Project of the Year (Route 9A Reconstruction)
1999	Clinton Hill Society: Landmark Award

(Ryerson Street at Pratt Institute)

1999 American Institute of Architects: Merit Award
(Stabile Hall at Pratt Institute)

1999 AIA New York State: Design Excellence Award
(Williamsburg Community Center)

2000 New York Construction News: Award of Merit-Transit Projects
(Union Square Subway Station and 72nd Street Subway Station)

2000 Art Commission of the City of New York: Design Excellence Award
(New York Hall of Science)

2000 Art Commission of the City of New York: Design Excellence Award
(Staten Island Children's Museum Phase II)

2001 Art Commission of the City of New York: Design Excellence Award
(Hunts Point Youth Center)

2001 Municipal Arts Society: Masterworks Award: Urban Design
(Hudson River Park Master Plan)

2001 New York Construction News: Best of 2000 Award of Merit
(Albany International Airport Site Improvements)

2001 New York State AIA Merit Award
(Jamaica Station Area Urban Design Strategy)

2001 New York Construction News: Best of 2001 Award
(Irvington Waterfront Park)

2001 AIA New York State Design Award: Architecture Project
(Telluride House)

2001 New York Construction News Award of Merit: Environmental Project
(Scenic Hudson Park at Irvington)

2002 Elected Fellow of American Society of Landscape Architects

2002 US Tennis and Track Builders Association Tennis Facility Award
(Columbia University's Dick Savett Tennis Center)

2002 Long Island Nursery and Landscape Association: Environmental Enhancement Award
(Forest Hills Station)

2003 Art Commission of the City of New York: Design Excellence Award
(Brooklyn Children's Museum Expansion)

2003 New York Construction News: Project of the Year
(Time Warner Center)

2004 Art Commission of the City of New York: Design Excellence Award
(Queens Community District 14 Garage and Salt Shed)

2004 Art Commission of the City of New York: Design Excellence Award
(El Museo del Barrio)

2004 AIA New York Chapter: Design Award
(Pratt Design Center)

2001 New York Construction News Award of Merit: Environmental Project
(Scenic Hudson Park at Irvington)

2005 AIA New York Chapter Public Project of the Year: Winner
(Williamsburg Community Center)

2005 AIA New York Chapter Public Project of the Year: Honorable Mention
(New York Hall of Science)

2005 AIA New York Chapter Public Project of the Year: Citation
(The Staten Island September 11 Memorial)

2006 Career Achievement Award presented by City College School of Architecture, Urban Design
& Landscape Architecture

2006 Named as Honorary Member of the American Institute of Architects by the New York AIA
Chapter

2006 New York City Green Building Council: Grand Prize
(Sunrise Yards Maintenance Facility)

2006 AIA New York Chapter: Merit Award
(Cooper Union Academic Building)

2006 ASLA New York Chapter: Honor Award
(Monsignor Kowsky Plaza)

2006 ASLA New York Chapter: Honor Award
(Tribeca Green Residential Tower)

2006 ASLA New York Chapter: Honor Award
(South Bronx Greenway Master Plan and Design Guidelines)

2008 Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award- NY Landmarks Conservancy
(Brooklyn Central Library)

2008 Public Design Commission of the City of New York: Design Excellence Award
(121st Police Precinct)

2008 AIA NY State Award of Merit for Urban Planning/Design
(Kowsky Plaza)

2008 ASLA NY Chapter: Honor Award
(Queens West 7 Roof Landscape)

2008 ASLA NY Chapter: Honor Award
(Hudson River Park-Tribeca Segment)

2009 Nominated for National Design Award by Cooper Hewitt

2009 USGBC: Urban Green Service Award to Signe Nielsen

2009 New York Construction
(Cooper Union and Brooklyn Childrens Museum)

2009 ASLA NY Chapter: Public Service Award

2009 ASLA NY Chapter: Merit Award
(Intrepid/Pier 86)

2010 National Parks Service: Designing the Parks Merit Award

2010 Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design-International Architecture Awards:
Cooper Union 41 Cooper Square

2010 New York Construction
Hudson River Park Segment 3 – Award of Merit

2011 ASLA NJ Chapter Award for Landscape Architecture Communications
(Sustainable Site Design Manual)

2011 AIA NY Chapter: Urban Design Honor Award
(Lincoln Center Public Spaces)

2011 Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce: Building Brooklyn Awards (Education)
(Pratt Myrtle Avenue)

2011 AIA NY State Award of Merit for Architecture
(El Museo del Barrio)

2011 MASTerworks Award: Best Neighborhood Catalyst
(Pratt Myrtle Avenue)

2011 AIA NY State Award of Merit for Architecture
(El Museo del Barrio)

2012 MAS MASTerworks Award: Best Neighborhood Catalyst
(El Museo del Barrio)

2012 ASLA NJ Chapter: Merit Award
(Hudson River Park-Tribeca Section)

2012 AIA NY Chapter Merit Award: Unbuilt Work
(Brooklyn Detention Center)

2012 American Council of Engineering Companies: 2013 Transportation Gold Award
(Hoboken Ferry Terminal)

2013 ASLA NJ Chapter: Merit Award
(Newport Green)

2013 ASLA NY Chapter: Merit Award
(Newport Green)

2013 NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission: Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award
(180th Street Station)

2013 Preservation League of New York State: Excellence in Historic Preservation
(180th Street Station)

2013 Society of American Architects, NY: Award of Excellence in Civic Architecture
(121st Police Precinct Station House)

2013 NYC Public Design Commission: Special Recognition Award for Emergency Beach Access

2013 Urban Green Council: 2013 Annual Service Award for Building Resiliency Task Force

2013 Engineering News Record: Best Global Projects Competition-Merit Award for 121st Precinct

2013 New Jersey ASLA: Honor Award for Emergency Beach Access

2014 ASLA NY: Merit Award for Hudson Square Streetscape

2014 AIA New York State Excelsior Award for 180th Street Station

2014 Hester Street Collaborative: Honor Award

2014 Built by Women – Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation Awards for Hudson River Park,
Hudson River Park Tribeca Section; Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum; High School for
Architecture and Urban Design

2014 Bronx Chamber of Commrce “Adaptive ReUse Award” for Bank Note Building

2014 ENR 2014 Best Projects for Government/Public Buildings: NYC Parks Beach Restoration
Modules

2015 ASLA NJ: Merit Award for Restoration of St. Paul’s Churchyard

2015 Elected to National Academy

2015 MAS Masterworks Award: Best Neighborhood Catalyst
(Hudson Square Streetscape)

2015 NYC Public Design Commission: Design Award
(Idlewild Park Nature Center)

2015 NYC Public Design Commission: Design Award
(Calvert Vaux Comfort Station)

2015 NYC Public Design Commission: Design Award
(Rockefeller University River Building and Esplanade)

2015 Elected to National Academy

2016 MAS Masterworks Award: Best Urban Amenity
(Downtown Whitney Museum)

2016 ASLA NY: Honor Award
(East River Esplanade Vision Plan)

2016 ASLA NY: Merit Award
(Hunts Point Landing)

2016 NY AIA: Architecture Merit Award
(Downtown Whitney Museum)

2016 Fast Company Innovation Award
(Hunts Point Landing)

2017 ASLA NJ: Chapter Award
(Hunts Point Landing)

2017 Chicago Athenaeum: American Architecture Award
(Downtown Whitney Museum)

2017 ASLA NY: Merit Award
(Times Square Reconstruction)

2017 Architect’s Newspaper: Honorable Mention Unbuilt Category
(Pier 55)

2017 Urban Land Institute – Global Award for Excellence 2017-2018
(The New School)

2017 Urban Land Institute – Award for Excellence in Mixed-Use Development – Finalist
(250/252 East 57th Street)

2018 ASLA NJ: Honor Award
(LeFrak City)

2018 NYC Public Design Commission: Design Excellence Award
(Reconstruction of Brownsville Recreation Center)

2018 AIA New York George S. Lewis Award for outstanding contributions to the profession of
architecture.

2018 Engineering News Record: Green Best Project
(The New York Botanical Garden – Edible Academy)

2019	ASLA NJ: Honor Award (Randall's Island Connector)
2019	ASLA NY: Merit Award (Freeman Plaza)
2019	AIA-NY: Architecture Merit Award (Rockefeller Arts Center at SUNY Fredonia)
2019	New Yorkers For Parks: Honored for parks advocacy
2019	The Architect's Newspaper: Best of Design Award (TWA Hotel)
2020	ASLA NJ: Chapter Award (Roberto Clemente State Park)
2020	ASLA NJ: Honor Award (The Rockefeller University)

PUBLICATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL WORK (blogs and on-line sources excluded)

Articles

"Garden Design for All Ages" by Linda Yang. New York Times. February 18, 1988.

"Mature Plantings Transform a City Yard" by Linda Yang. New York Times. June 16, 1984.

"Buying Your Way Into Eden" Newsweek Magazine. July 20, 1987.

"Gardens in the Sky" by Cathy Cook. Taxi Magazine. August 1988.

"Manhattan Profile: Signe Nielsen" New York Newsday. September 16, 1987.

"Friends of the Earth" New York Magazine. October 1987.

"She Designs Spaces that People Use" by Ellie Grossman NEA. November 7, 1983.

"Design" by Louise Tutelian. Savvy Woman. July 1989.

"Treasured Terraces" by Mimi Read. New York Newsday. May 25, 1989.

"The Hudson Waterfront: What's Next?" by David Dunlap, New York Times, June 26, 1994.

"Designer Showcase: Signe Nielsen" by Mary Ann Fusco. Center Magazine, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997.

"View Point" by John Morris Dixon, Progressive Architecture, August 1995.

"Sedgwick Branch Library" Architectural Record, June 1995 (Cover Story).

"An Atypical Prototype: P.S. 51" Architectural Record, July 1995.

"View Point: Civic Park at Battery Park City" Progressive Architecture, August 1995.

"West Side Walk" Landscape Architecture, June 1997.

"PS 1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York" Architectural Record, August 1998.

"Best Gardeners" New York Magazine, May 3, 1999.

"An Island Unto Itself" Landscape Architecture, July 1999, pp 68-75.

"House Bound: Landscape" New York Magazine, August 2, 1999.

"Enclave Turns Green, Inside and Out" New York Times, March 23, 2001.

"Record House: Colorado House" Architectural Record, April 2001.

"Kimmel Center, Philadelphia" Architectural Record, March 2002.

"Hunts Point Community Center" Architectural Record, March 2002.

"Designed Landscape" #13 Landforum, May 2002

"Master Class: St. Petersburg Parks" Landschaft, August 2002, pp. 18-24.

"New York, New York: Signe Nielsen Profile" Landschaft, September 2002, pp.12-14.

"Colorado Cool" House and Garden, January 2003, pp. 88-95.

"Engaging Community: Williamsburg Community Center" Oculus, Spring 2003, pp.28-29.

"Judicial Views: Queens Family Courthouse" Oculus, Spring 2003, pp. 26-27.

"Roof Gardens" Habitat Magazine, June 2004, pp.6-15.

"Greening to the Core of the Big Apple", Oculus, Winter 2006-2007, pp. 26-27

"Urban Parks: Next Installment on the Hudson", Landscape Architecture, January 2009.

"Landscape Architectural Practice Now", Harvard Design Magazine, Fall/Winter 2010-2011

"The Many Memorials of 9/11", Landscape Architecture, September 2011 (2 MNLA projects: Staten Island Postcards and Sirius Dog Run)

“A Lesson in Dedicated Collaboration: Hunts Point Landing on the South Bronx Greenway” ArchDaily, June 6, 2012

“Site Specific – CEU Article”, Architectural Record, July 2012, pp 110-114

“More Sites for SITES”, Parks and Recreation Magazine, September 2012, pp. 15-17.

“Hunts Point Landing”, TOPOS Magazine, Issue #81, 2012, pp. 84-87.

“The World of Tomorrow Today: Queens Museum”, Architectural Record, February 2014, pp. 72-77.

“Reefs off the Shelf: Ready Made Solutions for Making Habitats and Blunting Tides”, Landscape Architecture Magazine, March 2014, pp.82-90.

“Revitalizing the East River”, The Architect’s Newspaper, October 21, 2014, PP. 12-13.

“Mathews Nielsen: Designed and Delivered”, (cover feature) Landscape Architecture Magazine, April 2015, pp.90-137..

“Signe Nielsen Talks” video by Landscape Architecture Magazine, April 30, 2015.

“Will New York’s Next Park Be Underground?” Wall Street Journal, October 27, 2016.

“Stepping Lightly”, Landscape Architecture Magazine, January 2017, pp. 34-36.

“Game On”, Landscape Architecture Magazine, August 2017, pp. 12-16.

“Solid as a Rock”, Landscape Architecture Magazine, February 2018, pp. 26-27.

“Five Years after Hurricane Sandy, New Yorkers Reflect on the Storm’s Legacy”, Metropolis Magazine, November 7, 2017, pp. 1-16.

“A Case Study in Complexity”, Architecture Boston, Winter 2018, pp. 40-43.

Books

SITE. Rizzoli, 1989. (5 SNLA projects)

Gardens in the Sky. Joan Puma. Harper and Row. 1985. (2 SNLA projects)

Yearbook of Landscape Architecture: Private Spaces in the Landscape. ed. Richard Austin. Van Nostrand Reinhold. 1985. (2 SNLA projects)

The City Gardener’s Handbook. Linda Yang. Random House, 1990. (1 SNLA project)

International Landscape Design. Margaret Cottom-Winslow. PBC Publishing, 1992. (2 SNLA projects)

Designing the New Landscape. Sutherland Lyall. Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1991. (2 SNLA projects)

New York Waterfront. Kevin Bone. Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1997. (1SNLA project)

Garden Ornaments. Martha Baker. Clarakson Potter, 1999. (3 SNLA projects)

Celebrating New York City’s New Waterfront. The Parks Council, 1999. (1 SNLA project)

100 New York Landscapes. New York Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. 1999. (4 SNLA projects)

Urban Spaces. John Morris Dixon. Visual Reference Publications. 1999. (3 SNLA projects)

Garden Walls, Fences and Hedges: Kathy Sheldon. Lark Books, 2001. (3 SNLA projects)

Making Garden Floors. Paige Gilchrist. Lark Books, 2001. (2 SNLA projects)

The Complete Book of Garden Seating. Janice Eaton Kilby. Lark Books, 2001. (1 SNLA project)

Constructed Ground: The Millenium Garden Design Competition. Charles Waldheim. University of Illinois Press. 2001 (SNLA competiton finalist)

The Lark Book of Design. Steve Aimone. Lark Books, 2002 (2 SNLA project)

Beyond the Edge: New York's New Waterfront. Raymond Gastil. Princeton Architectural Press, 2002

ARO: Architectural Research Office. Cassell, Stephen and Yarinsky, Adam. Princeton Architectural Press, 2002. (2 MNLA projects)

New York 2000: Architecture and Urbanism from the Bicentennial to the Millenium. Robert A. M. Stern. Montacelli Press, 2006. (4 SNLA/MNLA projects)

Landscape Design USA. George Lam, Editor. Pace Publishing Ltd., 2007. (3 MNLA projects)

New York. Gloria Books, London. December 2007. (1 MNLA project)

Green Roofs in Sustainable Landscape Design. Steven L. Cantor. Norton Press, 2008. (7 MNLA projects)

Garden Guide: New York City. Nancy Berner and Susan Lowry. Norton Press, 2010 (2 MNLA projects)

City + Design + Evolution. Pedro Marcelino. CIP Press, 2011.(1 MNLA project)

Architecture: The People, Places and Ideas Driving Contemporary Design. Design Bureau Press, 2012 (1 MNLA project)

Rooftop Gardens 2012. South China University of Technology Press, March 2013. (2 MNLA projects)

BOOKS AND ARTICLES AUTHORED

"Landscape as Art" by Signe Nielsen. School Arts Magazine. March 1987.

"Reconstruction of Fulton Landing Pier" by Signe Nielsen, Professional Paper delivered March 1995 at Ports '95 Conference of American Society of Civil Engineers.

Sky Gardens: Rooftops, Balconies, and Terraces. Signe Nielsen. Schiffer Publishing, 2004.

High Performance Infrastructure Guidelines. Hilary Brown and Signe Nielsen. Design Trust for Public Space and NYC Department of Design and Construction, 2006

Sustainable Site Design Strategies. Signe Nielsen and Gruzen Samton. NYC Department of Design and Construction, 2008.

Cool and Green Roofs. Signe Nielsen and Gruzen Samton. NYC Department of Design and Construction, 2008

"Designed to be Occupied" by Signe Nielsen. Included in Beyond Zuccotti Park, New Village Press, 2012.

"Short SITE'd" by Signe Nielsen. Published in multiple journals including Landscape Architecture Magazine, Architectural Record and The Architect's Newspaper between April-June 2015.

"Navigating the Waters" by Signe Nielsen. Included in Waterproofing New York, UR02, published by Terraform, April, 2015.

"Teaching Complexity" by Signe Nielsen and Molly Bourne. Architecture Boston, November 2018.

"Assessing Resiliency and Risk: We Can't Save it All". Common Edge. December 4, 2019

EXHIBITS

“Hudson River Park”	Exhibition of Concept Plans, Renderings and Program for 400 acre waterfront park sponsored by the Municipal Art Society October 2 - December 2, 1995 at the Urban Center.
“Projections”	Women in Architecture. Sponsored by AIA/NYC January 17, 1996 and April 8 - 15, 1997.
“Civic Lessons: Recent New York Public Architecture”	Exhibition of 4 SNLA projects at U.S. Customs House March 14 - May 3, 1996. Sponsored by AIA New York Chapter.
“Towards the New Millenium: Women in Architecture”	Exhibition of 3 SNLA projects. March 13 - April 24, 1997. Sponsored by City College Architectural Center.
“A Long Look at Fifth Avenue”	Exhibition of Competition Winners. Sponsored by Municipal Arts Society June 19 - July 15, 1997. The Urban Center.
“Civic Lessons: Recent New York Public Architecture”	Exhibition of 4 SNLA projects at National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., December 3, 1997 - May 11, 1998
“Current Projects for the East River”	Exhibition of 1 SNLA project at The Van Alen Institute March 19-May 20, 1998
“National Art & Design Competition for Street Trees”	Exhibition of Winning Submissions (SNLA won Third Prize) at Cooper Hewitt Museum, November 10 - December 15, 1998. Travelling exhibition thereafter.
“The Alumnae Show: Architecture and Landscape Architecture”	Exhibition of Alumnae work. Smith College Hillyer Gallery. October 1, 1998 – February 1, 1999.
“Millenium Park Competition”	Exhibition of 16 entries from invited international competition (SNLA was second place) at Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL. March 31 – May 31, 2001.
“55 Water Street “	Exhibition of 5 winning competition entries for outdoor plaza at the Municipal Arts Society. October 21-November 29, 2002
“Public Architecture”	Exhibition of 15 SNLA projects at The Center for Architecture September 15-November 15, 2003.
“Inaugural AIA NY Chapter Public Project Awards”	Exhibition of 3 SNLA/MNLA winning projects Center for Architecture, January 5-26, 2005
“Changing Tides: Envisioning the Future of the East River”	Exhibition of 2 projects at The Urban Center, June 15-August 6, 2005.
“New New York: The Brooklyn Bridge Park”	Exhibition of schematic design plan at The Urban Center, December 15, 2005-February 8, 2006.

“NYC Courthouses: A Recent Decade” Exhibition of NYC Courthouses at The Center for Architecture, September 28 – December 23, 2007 (2 MNLA Projects: Bronx Criminal Court & Queens Family Court)

“Berlin-New York Dialogues” Center for Architecture, November 8, 2007-January 26, 2008; March 6 May 6, 2008 at German Center for Architecture DAZ, Berlin. (Exhibition of South Bronx Greenway and Columbia Street)

“AIA NY Chapter Award Winners” Exhibition at Center for Architecture April 14-June 5, 2011 (2 MNLA Projects: Brooklyn Bridge Park & Lincoln Center Public Spaces)

“Beyond Zuccotti Park: Exhibition as Occupation” Exhibition at Center for Architecture September 6-12, 2012 (SN photographs and essay quote)

“NY ASLA Chapter Award Winners” Exhibition at Center for Architecture April 1-April 20, 2013 (MNLA winning project: Newport Green)

“Reimagining the Waterfront: Manhattan’s East River Esplanade” Exhibition at Manhattan Borough President’s Office, February 5- April 6, 2015 (MNLA’s Vision Plan renderings for East River Esplanade)

“Built by Women” Exhibition at the Center for Architecture, March 2 – April 5, 2015 (MNLA projects: Hudson River Park master plan; Hudson River Park Tribeca Section; Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Pier 84; Governors Island)

“Ride a Bike! Reclaim a City” German Architecture Museum, Frankfurt/Main, April 2018 (MNLA projects featured: South Bronx Greenway, Hudson River Park Master Plan, Columbia Street Bikeway)

TEACHING

1979 - 1981	Visiting Critic: New Jersey Institute of Technology, School of Architecture
1981 - 1983	Adjunct Assistant Professor: City College School of Architecture
1980 - 2000	Adjunct Associate Professor: Pratt Institute, School of Architecture and Graduate School of Urban Design
Spring 2001 - 2015	Adjunct Full Professor: Pratt Institute, School of Architecture and Graduate School of Urban Design and Environmental Planning
Fall 2012	Visiting Critic: Columbia University, Graduate Architecture and Urban Design Program
Fall 2015-present	Adjunct Full Professor: Pratt Institute, Undergraduate School of Architecture, Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design, and Graduate Placemaking Program

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1996	Design Services Grant from New York State Council on the Arts for Restoration of Duane Park. Grant application initiated by Friends of Duane Park.
1999	Lead Fellowship awarded by the Design Trust for Public Space to conduct planning and design for intermodal transfer improvements at East 125 th Street, New York City.
2002	Teaching Fellowship from the Cultural Exchange International to teach a landscape design master class in St. Petersburg, Russia.

GUEST LECTURES/CRITIC/PANELS/JUROR/PODCASTS:

The Design Process: City College School of Architecture
Contemporary Urban Landscapes: Columbia University School of Architecture
Planning a New Capital: Pratt Institute Graduate School of Planning

Street as a Harmonious Space: ASLA Lecture, Urban Center, Fall 1984
 Rooftop Landscaping: Council for New York Cooperatives, 1983-2004
 Design/Build: ASLA Lecture, Urban Center, Spring 1985
 Italian Gardens: Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Spring 1990
 Juror: New Jersey ASLA Awards, Fall 1994
 Women in Landscape Architecture: NYC Housing Authority, Spring 1995
 Urban Design Graduate Studio: Columbia University, Fall 1997-1998
 Environmental Design Studio: Parsons School of Design, Spring 1997
 Environmental Design Studio: University of Pennsylvania, Spring 1998
 Critical Thinking in Landscape Design: New York Botanical Garden, Spring 1999
 Places for People: NYC Department of Design and Construction, Fall 2002
 New Waterfronts: Smith College Landscape Studies Program, Spring 2003
 Juror: Broadway Mall Association "Broadway in Bloom" Spring 2003
 Juror: Friends of the Highline "Designing the Highline" Spring 2003
 Beyond the Edge: New York Botanical Garden Lecture at the Urban Center, Fall 2003
 Reading the Landscape: Lectures at the Bard Graduate Center, Fall 2003-Spring 2004
 Highline Design Studio: New York Botanical Garden, Summer 2004
 Studio Critic: Yale University Graduate Architecture Program, Fall 2004
 Studio Critic: Harvard University Graduate Architecture Program, Fall 2004
 Reclaiming the Urban Waterfront: University of Connecticut Landscape Architecture Program, Fall 2004
 British Memorial Garden: Arsenal Gallery Lecture, Winter 2005
 Post-Industrial Waterfront Design: École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France, Summer 2005
 Design Trust for Public Space Lecture on High Performance Infrastructure Guidelines, Winter 2006
 High Performance Infrastructure Guidelines Presentation to Mayor of Chicago, Winter 2006
 Turning the Tide: Lecture at Ball State University Architecture/Landscape Program, Winter 2007
 The Many Faces of Sustainability: Lecture at Smith College Landscape Studies Program, Winter 2007
 Dialogue with Michael Singer and Signe Nielsen, Van Alen Institute, Winter 2007
 Focus on the Nation: Special lecture, Pratt Institute, Winter 2008
 Juror: Urban Land Institute Gerald Hines Student Urban Design Competition, Winter 2008
 Juror: State of Oregon ASLA Design Awards, Winter 2008
 Speaker: Sustainable Landscape Design Forum, Spring 2008
 Speaker: Designing for Transit-Sustainable Site Design for TOD's, Sponsored by Regional Plan Association, Summer 2008
 Juror: CityRacks Bike Parking Design Competition, Sponsored by Cooper Hewitt Museum and NYCDOT Fall 2008
 Speaker: Revitalization of New York City's Waterfront, NY ASLA Chapter, Spring 2010
 Speaker: Sustainable Site Design Manual, NY AIA, Spring 2010
 Panelist: Is it Architecture? The Structure in Landscape, NY AIA Center for Architecture, May 2010
 Speaker: High Performance Green Building Salon: Sunrise Yards, USGBC, January 2011
 Juror: St. Louis Chapter ASLA Awards, January 2011
 Speaker: Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, April 7, 2011
 Speaker: Best in Show: A Conversation with the Architects of 21st Century Lincoln Center, AIA NY, May 4, 2011
 Speaker: Riverside Center: Did the Public Process Work?, AIA NY, May 9, 2011
 Juror: Harvard University – 2nd Year Masters in Architecture and Landscape Architecture, May 7, 2011
 Speaker: 92Y – "Tribeca's Public Spaces", July 26, 2011
 Speaker: New York Restoration Project/NYC Department of Parks and Recreation – "Million Trees Program", August 4, 2011
 Juror: Van Alen Institute "Design Speed Dating", September 10, 2011
 Advisor: Columbia University Mayor's Conference, December 14-17, 2011
 Juror: East River Waterfront – Civitas, February 23, 2012
 Speaker: "Landscape representation in Today's Environment", Rutgers University, April 18, 2012
 Speaker: AIANY "South Bronx Greenway", April 30, 2012
 Panelist: East River Waterfront – Civitas at Museum of the City of New York, June 26, 2012
 Speaker: "Growing Public Space" Columbia University Graduate Urban Design Program, July 18, 2012
 Speaker: "Freedom of Assembly: Public Space Today", Center for Architecture, September 16, 2012

Juror: Monsters of Design Competition, Kansas City Young Architects, September 20, 2012
 Tour Leader: Walking Tour of Hudson Square, sponsored by Archtober, October 20, 2012
 Panelist: "Streetscape Ecologies", NACTO Conference on Designing Cities, NYU, October 25, 2012
 Keynote Speaker: "Finding Lost Space" Israeli Association of Landscape Architects, Jerusalem, November 8, 2012
 Panelist: "Buildings and Landscapes Under Water", Center for Architecture, February 26, 2013
 Moderator: "Beyond Waterproofing", City College Graduate Landscape Program, May 10, 2013
 Panelist: "Keeping Pace with Climate Change: Resiliency Strategies for the 21st Century and Beyond", Pratt Institute, June 13, 2013
 Moderator: "Public Spaces in a Digital World", NY AIA, September 16, 2013
 Panelist: Urban Research Unit: Playing in the Future City, Grimshaw Gallery, September 18, 2013
 Member: Center for Architecture Public Space Advisory Committee for Spring 2014 Exhibit
 Speaker: "Designing the Public Realm", Speaker Series, Pratt Institute School of Construction Management, October 3, 2013
 Panelist: "Hudson Square: Transforming the Industrial Landscape into a Thriving Commercial Center" at International Downtown Association, October 7, 2013.
 Panelist: "Better Business: A SITES Pilot Project Discussion with Designers and Their Clients", ASLA National Conference, Boston, November 16, 2013
 Juror: New Rochelle Waterfront Gateway Design, August – November 2013
 Speaker: NYU Schack Institute of Real Estate: "Hudson Square – From Grit to Green", February 11, 2014
 Moderator: "Why LED Lighting?". Center for Architecture, February 24, 2014
 Juror: Center for Active Design – Design Excellence Awards, March 25, 2014
 Speaker: "Challenges of Park Design on the Waterfront" CIVITAS, April 24, 2014
 Speaker/Tour Leader: AIANY Boat Tour of Lower Manhattan, June 22, 2014
 Guest Speaker: Robert B. Church III Memorial Lecture Series. "Contemporary Trends in Landscape Architecture". University of Tennessee, Knoxville, October 6, 2014
 Speaker: Municipal Arts Society, MAS Summit- Design and The City", October 23, 2014
 Speaker: The National Arts Club, "Finding Lost Space", November 19, 2014
 Panelist: The National Academy, "Art, Design and the Urban Environment", December 3, 2014
 Studio Critic: GSSAP Program Columbia University, Fall 2014
 Guest Lecturer: Pratt Second Year Design Studios; NYU Art and History Program – March 2015
 Panelist: Design and Equity: The Community Parks Initiative – Center for Architecture, June 17, 2015
 Juror: Beverly Willis Architectural Foundation – Women in Architecture Washington DC, January 15, 2016.
 Speaker: NJ ASLA Conference Keynote Address "The State of the Garden – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", February 21, 2016
 Panelist: "Creating a Retail & Restaurant Row"- Boston Society of Architects. February 22, 2016.
 Speaker: NYCDPR Parks Without Borders Conference Keynote Address "The Future of NYC Parks", May 24, 2016
 Panelist: "The Lowline: Creating and Underground Park" – Urban Green Council, July 19, 2016
 Panelist: "Parks Without Borders: How government agencies can rethink public space" – NYC DPR Lecture Series, February 9, 2017
 Member: Mayor's Panel on Climate Change. 2016-2017.
 Panelist: Public Open Space Panel – New Jersey Summit, Jersey City, NJ, May 31, 2017
 Panelist: Parks Without Borders: How Can Government Rethink Design?" – NYC DPR, May 18, 2017
 Panelist: "Exploring the Lowline: Lessons Learned from the Lowline Lab" – Gray to Green Conference, Toronto CA, May 9, 2017.
 Panelist: "Climate Change in NYC: Bridging Science and Practice" – AIANY, June 8, 2017
 Speaker: "Public Space at Freeman Plaza East" – Design Trust for Public Space, July 13, 2017
 Speaker: "Optimistic Landscapes" – Space.CITY Lecture Series, Seattle, WA, October 5, 2017
 Speaker: "Optimistic Landscapes" – NYBG Portfolio Series, October 16, 2017
 Panelist: "Case Studies in the Creative Process" – ASLA National Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 21, 2017
 Panelist: "Waterproofing: Evolving Climate Adaptive Design Policy and Practice" – ASLA National Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 21, 2017
 Panelist: "Restoring the George and Beyond: SGR Meets Public Benefit" – AIANY, November 21, 2017.
 Speaker: "Lowline" – American Building Congress, December 13, 2017.

Panelist: "Valuing Parks" – Urban Design Forum, January 17, 2018.
 Speaker: "Lincoln Center" – Harvard University, February 9, 2018.
 Panelist: "Open Space Dialogues: A New Perspective in Delivery" New Yorkers 4 Parks, February 12, 2018.
 Juror: Park Avenue Mall Competition, February 14, 2018.
 Juror: John Belle Traveling Fellowship Prize, February 15, 2018.
 Speaker: "Waterproofing New York" - University of Rhode Island, April 5, 2018.
 Panelist: "Lessons Learned - Pratt Construction Management Program, April 12, 2018.
 Moderator: "Denmark's Louisiana Museum of Modern Art: Architecture and Landscape – Interview with Michael Sheridan" –AIANY Center for Architecture, April 23, 2018.
 Keynote Speaker: "Change in New York Landscape since 9/11" - AICPA Conference, May 2, 2018.
 Panelist: "Cocktails and Conversation" – AIANY Center for Architecture, September 28, 2018.
 Speaker: The Landscape Architect Podcast, October 20, 2018. Add link
 Panelist: "Funding the Future: Resilience Planning Across Public and Private Sectors" – NYAIA, November 9, 2018.
 Panelist: "Reshaping Streetscapes" – Fine Arts Federation, November 13, 2018.
 Moderator: "Smooth Sailing or Rough Waters-Pier 55" –APA NYMetro Chapter, November 16, 2018.
 Speaker: "America Adapts: Climate Change Podcast" – November 2018. Add link and date
 Speaker: "Pier55" – Open House New York, April 23, 2019.
 Respondent: "Shared Spaces: Designing People-Friendly Urban Street" – New York Fine Arts Federation, May 15, 2019.
 Speaker: "Trends in Urban Living: New Approaches for Dense Multifamily Design" – AIA National Conference on Architecture, June 6, 2019.
 Juror: National ASLA Student Jury, June 7-9, 2019.
 Panelist: "The Inside Story of the TWA Hotel at JFK Airport" – DOCOMOMA, July 30, 2019
 Podcast: "Person, Place, Thing" Moderated by Randy Cohen, AIA Center for Architecture, September 5, 2019 <https://personplacething.org/episode-274-signer-nielsen/>
 Podcast: "Ask Me Anything" sponsored by ASLA, September 26, 2019
 Panelist: "NYC's Next Comprehensive Waterfront Plan" at AIANY, October 21, 2019
 Speaker: "A Tale of Two Piers", Isabella Gardner Museum Lecture Series, Boston, November 14, 2019
 Speaker: NJ ASLA, February 9, 2020
 Speaker: Smith College Landscape Lecture Series March ___ 2020

ASSOCIATIONS

Honorary Member:	Elected to NY Chapter AIA 2006-present
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Member:	Mayor's Panel on Climate Change 2017-2018
Member:	American Society of Landscape Architects 1981 - present
Member:	Friends of Smith College Botanic Garden 1993 – present
Board Member:	The Lowline 2013-present; co-chair of Planning and Design Committee
Board Member:	Landscape Architecture Foundation 2019-2022
Member:	National Association for Olmsted Parks 1993 – 2010
Member:	Friends of Duane Park 1995 - 2008
Member:	Institute for Urban Design 1997 - 2008
Member of Advisory Board	City College Graduate School of Landscape Architecture 2007-2012
Member:	Advisory Council of AIA NY Chapter 2013 - 2014
Editorial Advisory Board member:	<i>The Architects Newspaper</i> 2003-present
Vice President:	New York Chapter ASLA 1981 - 1984
Member:	Architects, Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility 1986 - 1989

Member: Urban Design Task Force, APA 1989 - 1992
Panelist: New York State Council on the Arts - Architecture, Planning and
Design Panel 1989 - 1993
Member: Parks Council - Design Review Committee 1992 - 1995
Chair: Winslow Awards, Parks Council 1993 - 1995
Co-Chair: Greening the Codes Task Force-Mayor's Office 2008-2011