Nadine Gerdts

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Education

1986 Master of Landscape Architecture, with Distinction

Harvard University

Graduate School of Design

Department of Landscape Architecture

1979 A.B., American Studies

Brown University

Independent concentration: Technology and the American Environment

Academic Positions

1995-present Rhode Island School of Design

Senior Critic

Department of Landscape Architecture and Department of Architecture

Department of Teaching + Learning in Art + Design

[courses, research and administration outlined below]

Fall 2010 | Fall 2012 | Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Visiting Associate Professor Department of Architecture

Graduate Seminar: Making Cities Work: Urban Landscape Systems and the Public Realm

Fall 2008 Brown University

Visiting Instructor Urban Studies Program

Advanced Undergraduate Seminar: Green Cities: Parks and Designed Landscapes in Urban America

2008 - 2013 Boston Architectural College Pre-College Summer Academy

Program Director (2010-2013) and Lead Faculty (2008 and 2009)

1990 Institutt for Landskapsarkitektur

Norges Landbrukshogskole Aas, Norway

Fulbright Scholar - Researcher/Lecturer in Urban Landscape Design examining planning and design of

social housing in Norway, Finland and Sweden

1988 Boston Urban Gardeners

Program Coordinator/Instructor,

Landscape Skills Job Training Program, urban land management program based at Roxbury Community College

1987 College of the Atlantic

Visiting Faculty in Environmental Design

1980 -1983 College of the Atlantic

Assistant Director of Admission

Landscape Architecture | Community Planning | Design

1991 - present TiLA Design, Research and Planning

Principal, TiLA, Brookline, Massachusetts

1997-1999 Wallace, Floyd Associates

Designer, WFA, Architects, Planners and Landscape Architects, Boston, Massachusetts

1990 National Park Service, Olmsted National Historic Site

Researcher, Master Plan for Olmsted National Historic Site, Office of Cultural Resource Management, Boston,

Massachusetts

1987-1990 Boston Urban Gardeners, Inc.

Director, Community Landscape Design, Education, and Neighborhood Open Space Planning

Boston, Massachusetts

1984-1986 National Park Service, North Atlantic Region

Researcher, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Office of Planning and Design,

Boston, Massachusetts

Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Seminars and Studio Courses:

Issues in Planning + Cultural Geography
Graduate Seminar, Department of Landscape Architecture, 2000-present
Core curriculum, MLA program; included in Nature/Culture/Sustainability
undergraduate concentration course options

Design, the City and Place-Based Learning
Design Education Workshop II: Place, Product, Systems
Department of Teaching + Learning in Art + Design, 2008 -present
Core curriculum, MAT program

Providence-Malmo Beyond Borders: Designing Resiliency for the Urban Landscape, Advanced Studio, co-taught with Department of Architecture faculty, including research travel to Copenhagen and Malmö, Spring, 2018

Nature, Culture Sustainability Studies (NCSS) core undergraduate seminar, HPPS, Division of Liberal Arts, Fall, 2017

Climate Museum Launch Studio: a new research center and museum for resiliency and climate literacy Advanced Studio, Department of Architecture, Spring, 2015 working with The Climate Change Museum Launch Project, New York, New York

Transitory Nature of Matter: Bricks and Water for Urban Play Advanced Studio, co-taught with Department of Interior Architecture faculty, 2014 working with Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council, Providence, RI

Manufacturing Landscape: New Bedford's Acushnet Heights Neighborhood Advanced Studio, Department of Landscape Architecture, 2012 working with the City of New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development

Market Share: Food Resources and Community Space
Advanced Studio, Department of Landscape Architecture co-taught with
Department of Architecture faculty, 2009
working with Providence Public Schools/Hope High School and Farm Fresh Rhode Island

Summer Design Foundations/ Field Ecology Urban Mapping Workshop, 2009,2010 Department of Landscape Architecture

Inside Out Studio Projects:

Rafael Hernandez School Toolbox for Learning Cross-disciplinary Community Design/Build Project, 2008 working with Boston Schoolyard Initiative and Boston Public Schools/Rafael Hernandez School

Hope High School Courtyard Project Cross-disciplinary Community Design/Build Studio, 2007 working with Providence Public Schools/Hope High School

Rafael Hernandez School Schoolyard Master Plan Cross-disciplinary Community Engagement Studio, 2006 working with Boston Schoolyard Initiative and Boston Public Schools/Rafael Hernandez School

American Communities Seminar Department of Architecture, 1998

Urban Systems Studio: Land Use and Urban Planning Advanced Studios, Department of Landscape Architecture and Department of Architecture, 1995-1999

Research Initiatives | Administration | Committees

Chair, Search Committee, RISD Division of Liberal Arts, HPSS faculty in Environmental Studies, 2018-19

National Science Foundation EAGER Grant Student Curriculum Coordinator for RISD Department of Teaching + Learning in Art and Design with RISD Nature Lab/Bio-Maker Space project, 2018-19

Beyond Borders: Providence-Malmö transdisciplinary research project RISD team member, supported by Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT) Initiation Grant with SLU, Alnarp Department of Landscape Architecture, Planning and Management, 2017-18

Urban Futures/Coastal Resilience cross-departmental symposium, planning committee member, 2018 Providence Resilience Partnership, project committee member, 2018

RISD Strategic Planning, Community Engagement Working Group, committee member, 2017

Interim Department Head, RISD Department of Landscape Architecture, May - June, 2015

RISD Sustainability Plan Ad – Hoc Faculty Working Group, Summer 2014 – present Faculty co-advisor to graduate student research team developing Toward a Sustainable RISD Guidelines, June 2015

Project Director, Place Matters: Public Health + Urban Design

Responsible through Division of Graduate Studies for RISD's participation in cross-institutional program development and symposium planning with Brown University School of Public Health. May 2014 – December 2014 (Brown/RISD Place Matters Symposium panelist: Brown University Granoff Center, November 2014)

Co-Director, RISD Public Health + Public Space Initiative

Co-led team of graduate students working with a RI Foundation funded strategy grant to explore the role of art and design collaborations in planning and design of healthy city initiatives in Providence communities.

May 2013 – May 2014

Program Review: RISD MA in Art + Design Education Advisory Panel Committee workshop participant, May 2014

RISD Initiative on Sustainability, Social Justice & The Environment, faculty member, 2012 - present

Ad Hoc Budget Committee member, RISD, Office of the Provost, 2009 – 2010

Academic Invitations and Presentations

Malmo University, Malmo, Sweden, Faculty of Culture and Society, School of Arts and Communication, visiting researcher, October, 2016

SLU, Alnarp, Alnarp, Sweden, FUSE (Future Urban Sustainable Environment) Research Programme, Reflections from Beyond Ism, the Landscape of Landscape Urbanism conference, invited conference respondent, Fall 2016

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Urban Planning and Design studio, Urban Strategies for the Retiro Area, Buenos Aires, Argentina, studio review critic, December, 2016

Alpert Medical School, Brown University, AMS/RISD Design + Health Workshop, Does Urban Design Impact Public Health?, course lecture and urban neighborhood walkability project presentation, September, 2014

Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Advanced Studio 5, Urban Ecology Studio, studio review critic, Fall, 2014

Street Patterns and Impact of Urban Form on Population Health in the Olneyville Neighborhood of Providence, RI, with graduate student research assistant, Julie de Jesus, work presented at Brown University School of Public Health invited poster session, April 2014.

Boston Public Schools District Wide Arts Conference, professional development workshop: Exploring Form-Exploring Structure: Collaborative Sculpture for Public Spaces, March, 2014

Association of Architecture Organizations, Measuring and Making Impact, 2013 Conference, panel discussion/film screening and review with film director/producer of *Archiculture*, Boston, September, 2013

AIA, Committee on Architecture for Education Summer Conference: Design Thinking / Shaping Educational Environments, panel discussion/presentation: Teaching and Learning through Design, Boston, July 2013

National Art Education Association Conference presenter, RISD's K-12 Design Education Initiatives: Developing Instructional Strategies for Place-Based Learning, March 2012

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Core Urban Planning Studio, studio review critic, Fall, 2011

Systems for Inclusion no 8 Design Corps Conference, Harvard Graduate School of Design, field visit presenter, Hernandez School Toolbox for Learning, April 2008

RISD Office of Public Engagement, Learning: City and Exchange City presenter, May 2007

AIGA RI + RISD + AIB Lesley, K12 Design Education Initiative Workshop presenter, October 2007

Boston K-12 Teaching By Design Conference presenter, July 2007 RISD/Hernandez InsideOut Studio: Outdoor Classroom Project and Winter/Water Art Installation

National Art Education Association Conference presenter, March 2007 RISD/Hope Arts InsideOut Studio: Collaborative Courtvard Installation Project

Rafael Hernandez School Teachers' Summer Institute, Outdoor Classroom Workshop Presenter/Coordinator, August 2005 and August 2007

The New York Municipal Art Society and Urban Center Books, American Playgrounds: Revitalizing Community Space panelist, January 2006

Publications

Journal articles for Topos: The International Review of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design:

Topos 88: Narrative, Abelardo Morell: Tent Camera Photographs, 2014

Topos 69: ReUse, The High Line, 2009

Topos 61: Urban Space, *Landscape Architecture in the United States*, in the series: The State of the Profession around the World, 2007

School Arts, Design Matters, InsideOut Studio: Hope Arts Providence Project, A Case Study in Place-Based Learning, October 2008

Editor, Children and the Urban Environment InsideOut Studio: City Schoolyards, 2006 and Hope Courtyard Project, RISD InsideOut Studio, 2007

Planning reports for Boston Redevelopment Authority: South End Open Space_Needs Assessment, Midtown Cultural District Open Space Planning Study; Roxbury Open Space Plan for the Interim Planning Overlay District, Co-author, with Boston Urban Gardeners, 1988,1989

Planning and design studies for housing agencies and non-profit organizations including: Cambridge Housing Authority, Venture for Quality Public Housing, and Boston Housing Partnership, Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation, Roxbury, Massachusetts, Riverside-Cambridgeport Community Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts and Coalition for a Better Acre Development Corporation, Lowell, Massachusetts, team projects with Boston Urban Gardeners, 1987-1990

Working Water: A Guide to the Landscape of the Blackstone River Valley, Rhode Island, Department of Environmental Management, RI Parks Association, project manager/co-author, 1987; as part of National Park Service North Atlantic Regional Office technical assistance to RI and Massachusetts for planning historical recreational linear park in the Blackstone River Valley

Grants | Awards

RISD Professional Development Fund grant recipient for sabbatical research project, *Transit Equity:* Comparative Study of Urban Neighborhood Bicycling Models, 2016

Brown/RISD Committee for Institutional Collaboration grant: four person team submission with Brown School of Public Health and RISD Division of Graduate Studies for cross-institutional institute and *Place Matters* symposium development, May 2014

RISD Professional Development Fund grant recipient, for InsideOut Studio publications, 2008

Boston Foundation for Architecture grant recipient, for *Rafael Hernandez School Green Grid Project*, 2007 – 2008

City of Boston, Boston School Department, Citation of Excellence for *RISD/Hernandez School Toolbox for Learning Project*, November, 2007

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Student Collaboration Honor Award, Faculty Advisor to interdisciplinary student design team for RISD/Hernandez School Toolbox for Learning Project, October 2007

RISD Academic Enrichment/Kyobo Fund grant, for crossiyo—disciplinary team taught course in partnership with Providence Public School high school, 2006

Fulbright Research/Lecturer Grant, research focus: urban housing landscapes, U.S. Department of State (Norway), 1990

Service I Community

Trustee, BSA Foundation, Boston Society for Architects, Boston, Massachusetts, Small Grants Committee, chair; Exhibition Task Force member, Executive Committee member, 2009-present

Rafael Hernandez School I Escuela Rafael Hernandez, Boston Public Schools Friends of the Rafael Hernandez School After-School Center Design I Build Program, program development and coordinator, 2007-2013

Boston Schoolyard Initiative/ Boston Schoolyard Funders Collaborative Design and Planning consultant, 2004 -2006

Facilitator, Beyond the Big Dig, Community Conversations Forum, Boston Society of Architects, Boston Foundation, Spring 2002

Town of Brookline, Massachusetts, elected and appointed positions:

- Town Meeting Member, elected 2002-present
- · Chair, Tree Planting Committee, appointed committee member, 2012, appointed Chair, 2016, 2012- present
- · Advisory Committee, Planning and Regulation Sub-Committee, two appointed 3 year terms, July 2003- 2008
- Building and Grounds Task Force, John Pierce School, chair, 1999-2003
- · Brookline Greenspace Alliance, Linden Parks Association, neighborhood representative, 1999 to present
- · Inventory Team Member/ Team Coordinator, The 1994 Inventory of Brookline's Street Trees
- Design Review Panel Member / Appointed Design Professional:

Emerson Gardens Park Renovation (1994-1996)

Longwood Park Renovation (2001-2002);

Landscape Improvements to Brookline Public Library and Town Hall Grounds (June 2004 – 2006)

Gateway East Citizens' Advisory Committee (2006 – 2010)

Juniper Street Playground Renovation and Design (2008)

Linden Parks Association, Landscape Improvements to Linden Square (2014 -present)

Field Studies Program Guide/Instructor for Boston schoolchildren, Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, 1991 to 1995

Planning Committee Member, Women in Architecture - Boston Society of Architects and Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development Boston, Massachusetts, 1991 Alternative Housing Charrette

VISTA Volunteer, Providence, R.I., Center for Appropriate Technology, non-profit urban neighborhood development program, Coordinator, Urban Gardening Project, 1979-1980