

Education

(Name registered in education: Andrea Sessa Hite)

Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture

Colorado State University 1992

ASLA Merit Award

Landscape Architect

ILAUD – International Laboratory of Architecture and Urban Design

6 week architecture and urban design studio in Venice, Italy 1998

Master of Architecture

University of California, Berkeley 1999

Student AIA Gold Medal

Academic Experience

University of California, Berkeley

Lecturer 1999–2002

Environmental Design Course–2 semesters

Architecture 101–3 semesters

ILAUD–International Laboratory of Architecture and Urban Design

1 week assistant to lead professor Renee Chow, Venice, Italy Studio

Publications

Andrea Sessa and Jeff Lakey

Interpretation of Similarities Between Aboriginal and Euro–American Settlement Patterns in Central Oregon Landscape Ecology Symposium

Andreu Arriola, Carmen Fiol, Cristino Billia, Zsuzsa Eva Hajto, Andrea Sessa Hite, Jonathon Macphee, Catherine Sitgbahn

Fondamenta Novissima, The Edge of the Arsenal L'intorna Dell'Arsenale

ILAUD International Laboratory of Architecture and Urban Design, Venezia, 1998

Project Manager for the Boyd Residence–while an employee for Turnbull Griffin Haesloop Architects

Residence published in: The Sea Ranch, by Donlyn Lyndon

Membership and Licensure

Licensed Landscape Architect – CA #5544

Member ASLA

Architecture License – In Progress

Pursuing Green Roof Accreditation

Work Experience

Sessa Studio

4134 Woodruff Avenue, Oakland, CA

Self-Employed, 2006–present

Santos Residence (Landscape Master Plan)

Walnut Creek, CA

2008–present

The clients, two Santos families, own neighboring homes in the rolling Walnut Creek landscape. Mature Live Oak trees grace the hills that embrace these two modern houses. The families are: a couple and their son, his wife and their children. They wish to have an integrated landscape plan for the two properties for improved circulation, entertaining and play. The design needs to address parking, a variety of existing walls, elements on site as well as the changing needs of the two families. Currently in the Design Phase of a Full-Service Contract. (Inventory/Design through Construction Administration)

Upshaw Residence (Kitchen and Living Room Remodel)

Oakland, CA

2008–present

Although the original intent was a kitchen remodel, conversations with the clients revealed a larger project addressing the space and light in the home. We generated a plan to remove an existing brick fireplace and open the kitchen to the living and dining room and to the light and views to their deck. (Full-Service Contract through Construction Administration)

Snyder Residence (Kitchen and Master Bath/ Landscape Master Plan)

Oakland, CA

2008–present

Set in the Oakland Hills, the owners wish to remodel the kitchen, powder room and master bath of their home. At a later date, we intend to work together on a Landscape Master Plan for the yard and gardens. Currently in the Design Phase of a Full Service Contract. (Inventory/Design through Construction Administration)

O'Connell Residence (Remodel for Apartment/Landscape Master Plan)

Oakland, CA

2008–present

A family home (previously owned by the client's grandparents) has a full, unfinished basement that opens to a large backyard. The new owner intends to remodel the space into an apartment unit to rent. Currently in the Design Phase of a Full-Service Contract (Inventory/Design through Construction Administration). Future Work: Landscape Master Plan for the front and rear yards.

Fletcher Residence (Remodel for in-home office/ Landscape Plan)

Oakland, CA

2008–present

A therapist who works out of his home intends to remodel the basement and the adjoining rear yard into a meeting space for group work as well as for individual clients. (Inventory/Design through Construction Administration)

Nobilione Residence (Bathroom Remodel)

Oakland, CA

2007

A bathroom remodel for the owner of a bungalow in the Rockridge neighborhood of Oakland. By working with the contractor closely trim, brackets and other details that existed in the house were re-created for the bathroom. In addition, the careful choice of materials and fixtures allowed the bathroom to appropriately 'belong' to the home.

Vaughn Residence (Landscape Master Plan)

Oakland, CA

2007 Complete

The courtyard of a modern 1950's house in Oakland, serving as a play space and an outdoor room for entertaining, needed a stronger physical and visual connection to the indoor rooms. A glass door "wall" which provided connection previously was enclosed by a fireplace by a previous owner. Several design schemes were done simultaneously for the interior spaces and exterior, looking at the potential of how the spaces could relate. One Phase of the Courtyard/Garden has been installed.

Mark English Architects

250 Columbus Avenue, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA

Independent Contractor, 2007–present

Vail Residence (Kitchen Remodel and Landscape Plan) San Francisco, CA

Regina Callan Gough Street Property (Residential Remodel)–In Design San Francisco, CA

Dickey Residence New Residence (Part–time Construction Administration) Los Altos, CA

Studio URBIS

2115 Fourth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

2003–2007

Oakland Montessori School (New School Building/Landscape Master Plan) Oakland, CA

Complete

Two houses on parallel streets with adjoining rear yards, formally housed two Pre-School classrooms. Studio Urbis was hired to design a new school building to replace one of the houses which was planned for demolition.

Project Responsibilities: Client contact, lead designer for the new play yards, entry and drop-off, team member for the new school building. Worked with the teachers to develop a Unit of Study on Architecture and Building, worked in the classroom with the children assisting with the Unit of Study work discussing aspects of 'design', symmetry, materials and drawing. During the course of working with the students we produced drawings and several models to communicate the 'process of making'.

Project Lead, Project Designer and Manager:

Bals Lockhart Residence (Kitchen/Laundry Remodel) Built Oakland, CA

Harrison Residence (Kitchen/Laundry/Office Remodel) Built Piedmont, CA
(Landscape Master Plan) Unbuilt

Price Residence (Landscape Master Plan) Built Oakland, CA

Andaya Residence (Landscape Master Plan, Phase One) Built Orinda, CA

Chiodo Residence (Remodel/ Feasibility Study) Unbuilt Piedmont, CA

Ingegno Residence (Kitchen/Entry/Living Room Remodel) Unbuilt Oakland, CA

Beck Residence (Feasibility Study) Unbuilt Oakland, CA

Kaufman –Sommers Residence (Feasibility Study) Built Oakland, CA

Landscape: Project Designer:

Dolan Residence (Landscape Design and Construction Documents) Built Oakland, CA

Strain Residence (Site Inventory & Analysis) Built Lincoln, NE
(Landscape Design and Construction Documents) Built

Wolf–McGowan Residence (Landscape Design) Built Berkeley, CA

Turnbull Griffin Haesloop Architects

1999–2002

Pier 1 1/2, San Francisco, CA and Berkeley, CA

Eidenburg –Watters Residence Unbuilt

Sea Ranch, CA

On a rocky bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, a new residence and art studio was designed by Eric Haesloop for a couple from Los Angeles.

Project Responsibilities: site visits, interior layout development, coordination of some structural drawings, landscape plan and the production of the permit set of drawings.

Boyd Residence Complete

Sea Ranch, CA

On another sea-side bluff property in Sea Ranch a new residence was designed by Eric Haesloop and Mary Griffin for a family of four from London, England. The collection of buildings were positioned on the site to create a courtyard protected from the harsh, west wind.

Project Responsibilities: site visits, client correspondence, interior layout development, material research, coordination of some structural drawings, landscape plan and the production of the permit set of drawings.

HOK

June 1996–August 1997

San Francisco, CA

Bali Resort

Bali

A large resort complex in which HOK provided Master Planning and Architecture. The in-house Architecture Team and Landscape Architecture Team worked together to develop the project. The landscape program elements included front entry, parking and approach; intimate small gardens, a path system, swimming pools, outdoor dining and beach access.

Project Responsibilities: garden layout development, planting palette & plans and production of colored renderings for presentation.

While working at HOK part-time during my first year of Graduate school, I worked on a variety of Landscape Projects which included the design and presentation drawing preparation of projects-primarily, Entry Design and Courtyard Design for Office Buildings and Hotels in Asia.

RTKL

901 South Bond Street, Baltimore, MD

November 1993–April 1996

1250 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 400, Washington D.C. June 1995–April 1996

Beijing World Financial Center

Beijing, China

Located within the range of D District of Chao Wai Commercial Center four high rise buildings, situated at four corners, were proposed to provide commerce, offices, restaurants and entertainment. Above the three levels of basement, which contained parking, retail and mechanical rooms, a central urban plaza includes gardens, water features and pedestrian access between the buildings and surrounding streets.

Project Responsibilities: Landscape concept development, project component development and production of colored renderings for presentation.

Dong Hae Resort & Eco Park

Kyugogju, Korea

In the mountainous terrain 50 kilometers north of Pusan, a unique, destination resort was conceptualized by Kolon Industries and RTKL. Intended to be a year round attraction, the resort would offer opportunities for golf, skiing, cinema, retail as well as edu-tainment in the form of an "Eco-Park".

Project Responsibilities: Member of design team, member of team for production of colored renderings for presentation, writing and production of Project Summary Book.

Dalian New City Center

Dalian City, China

RTKL provided master planning services for a new town development district adjacent to Xiao Yao Bay. To help the city achieve its goal of becoming northeast China's most important port city, the focus of the master plan's development utilized creative and unique initiatives to encourage trade and tourism. Project Team led by Chinese-American Urban Designer on staff.

Project Responsibilities: Junior member of design team and member of team for production of colored renderings for presentation.

Classified Government Agency

Washington D.C.

Office space for one of the United States Government Agencies was in need of mechanical and electrical systems upgrades as well as work space re-organization.

Project Responsibilities: On-site survey of office space and furniture, production of existing base drawings, member of team redesigning the work spaces, developing a "standards" system of survey existing conditions.

Design Studios West, Inc.
1475 Lawrence Street, Suite 100 Denver, CO

1992-1994

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Boulder, CO

A 200 acre campus situated below the Flatiron rock formation in Boulder is home to NIST and NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Department of Commerce's goal was to "achieve integrated site development encouraging interaction and optimizing use of shared facilities between NIST and NOAA. A Master Plan was developed by DSW to define a hierarchy of spaces, circulation improvements, pedestrian plazas and paths and planting.

Project Responsibilities: Design of the pedestrian paths, main central corridor, presentation drawings and one of four design team members to attend an employee workshop.

Telluride Gateway

Telluride, CO

The impact of tourism and recreational development has had an impact on the historical mining town of Telluride. The city asked DSW to develop alternatives for development for a nine block area of downtown, which included one 'historic' street.

Project Responsibilities: Figure ground studios of build-out options and exploration of internalized pedestrian circulation.

HARP – Historic Arkansas River Project

Pueblo, CO

HARP is a mixed-use commercial development along the waterfront of the Arkansas River. The river, previously diverted by a culvert around the city was planned to recover a course through the downtown to introduce an urban riverwalk system. The newly defined water's edge, which has created opportunities for urban development, and places to walk, gather & entertain, now connects the city and it's inhabitants & visitors to the water.

Please see the DSW website for a current description: [HYPERLINK "http://www.designstudioswest.com" www.designstudioswest.com](http://www.designstudioswest.com)

Project Responsibilities:

Historical Research: Louisiana Purchase boundary, mapping of previous river course patterns and pioneer settlement information.

Graphics: Production of Presentation Drawings for Community Meetings

Design: Pathway System for the Riparian Park at the East End

Travel/Precedent: Traveled to San Antonio, Texas with Don Brandes to tour and photograph the San Antonio Riverwalk.

Hough, Beck and Baird Inc
215 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109

June – July 1991

Bellingham Trails

Bellingham, WA

Harbor Point Park

Bellingham, WA

Lake Fenwick Trails

Kent, WA