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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, 2016–2025.
Master of Landscape Architecture, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 2005–2007, Dean’s medal.
Bachelor of Architecture, Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir, Türkiye, 1995–2000.
Diploma in Physics, Ege University, Izmir, Türkiye, 1992–1995.

Full-time administrative experience

Florida International University, Department Chair, Landscape Architecture, December 2023–present.
Florida International University, CARTA Director of Strategic Planning and Initiatives, January 2021–August 2023.

Full-time academic experience

Florida International University, Professor, August 2024–present.
Florida International University, Associate Professor with Tenure, June 2015–August 2024.
Florida International University, Assistant Professor, August 2007–June 2015.

Part-time academic experience

Louisiana State University, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Landscape Architecture, August 2005–May 2007.

Non-academic experience

LandscapeDE, LLC., Miami, Florida. Principal, Founding Partner, 2012–present.
Toner Mimarlık, Ltd., İstanbul, Türkiye. Architect, Project Manager, 2003–2004.
Asil Ahşap, Ltd., İstanbul, Türkiye. Architect, Project Manager, 2000–2003.
Perihan Üzumcü Mimarlık, İzmir, Türkiye. Project Designer, 1999–2000.
Devak İnşaat, Ltd., İzmir, Türkiye. Project Designer, 1998–1999.
Tanyer İnşaat, Ltd., İzmir, Türkiye. Intern Architect, 1997–1998.

Publications in Discipline

Book

Vassigh, S., **Özer, E.**, & Spiegelhalter, T. (2012).

Best practices in sustainable building design.

Fort Lauderdale: J. Ross Publishing, Inc. Hardcover, 272 pages + DVD. ISBN: 978-1604270686.

“As a landscape architect, I particularly appreciate the incorporation of site as a pivotal element in sustainable design. The examples in the landscape section clearly illustrate how hydrology, vegetation, and climate can be conceptualized as materials in sustainable design...” Bradley Cantrell, Director, Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture, Louisiana State University.

“This book is clearly organized and appropriately prioritizes the key issues in the design of sustainable buildings. The writing style is succinct, providing information in a minimum of text, and utilizes the graphics smoothly by providing links to the interactive software. This will be the direction of the future in architectural design and education.” Marc Schiler, Professor, School of Architecture, University of Southern California.

“[It] is clearly structured into learning modules, allowing the reader to quickly grasp the various concepts of passive and active strategies influenced by building form, envelopes, structural system, technical control systems, and other elements. I congratulate the three authors on their marvelous achievement, publishing this work as both a book and an interactive DVD.” Steffen Lehmann, UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Urban Development for Asia and the Pacific, and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Green Building*.

Book chapter

Martinez, I.L. & **Özer, E.** (2019).

Working together across generations: An experiment in open space design. ISBN: 978-0275993023
In Jay Sokolovsky (ed.), *The Cultural Context of Aging: Worldwide Perspectives*. Goleta, CA: ABC-Clío.

Articles & Proceedings

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Status of women in landscape architecture: A study of ASLA and CELA career success metrics. *Landscape Journal*, May 2024, 43 (1) 107-123; <https://doi.org/10.3368/lj.43.1.107>
[blind peer reviewed]

Steffens, A., **Özer, E.**, LeBleu, C., & Nassar, H. (2023).
Status of women in landscape architecture: A study of ASLA and CELA career success metrics.
In *Align | Realign*, (p. 115).
Abstract published in the digital proceedings of the 2023 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. March 15 – 18.
[blind peer reviewed]

Artunç, S., Berg, R., Mendenhall, A., **Özer, E.** & Mahadin, T. (2023).
Mind the gap: How to bridge the gap between academia and practice.
In *Align | Realign*, (p. 21).
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[blind peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (2022).
Restoring and regenerating urban ecosystems: Landscape design and planning case studies from the USA.
Abstract published in the digital proceedings of the 2022 IDUPEM Landscape Planning and Design Research Symposium in Izmir Democracy University, Izmir, Türkiye. December 2 – 4.
[invited, peer reviewed, closing keynote]

Steffens, A., LeBleu, C., **Özer, E.**, & Nassar, A. (2022).
Are women underrepresented in landscape architecture education?
In *Evolving norms: Adapting scholarship to disruptive phenomena*, (p. 128).
Abstract published in the digital proceedings of the 2022 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. March 16 – 19.
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Özer, E. & Özer, K. (2022).
Measuring, calculating, and evaluating the performance of green stormwater infrastructure: Case studies from the United States. (p. 149).
Abstract published in the digital proceedings of the 2022 Global Interdisciplinary Green Cities Conference in Lucerne University of Applied Sciences & Arts, Luzern, Switzerland. June 21 – 25.
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Teaching the Superstudio: Designing for the Green New Deal in South Florida.
In Tse, J. (ed.) *100 + 1 | Resilience: CELA 2021*, (p. 243).
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Using augmented reality with older adults in the community to select design features for an age-friendly park: A pilot study.
Journal of Aging Research (Hindawi), vol. 2020, Article ID 8341034, 8 pages.
<https://doi.org/10.1155/2020/8341034>.
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- Williams, A.S., Angelini, C., Kress, M., Vieira, E.R., D'Souza, N., Naphtali, D.R., Medina, J., **Özer, E.**, & Ortega, F. (2020).
Augmented reality for city planning.
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In Parker, M. (ed.) *100 Years of Deep Time: CELA 2020*, (p. 103).
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- Estrázulas, J., Carreno, J., Civitella, F., D'Souza, N., **Özer, E.**, Ortega, F., & Vieira, E. (2019).
Does wearing augmented and virtual reality goggles affect the balance of older adults?
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Abstract published in the digital proceedings of the ISB/ASB 2019 Conference.
[blind peer reviewed]
- Cannon, M.L., Perkinson, M.A., DeLaTorre, A.K., Martinez, I.L., **Özer, E.**, Sweatman, W.M., Browne, R., Claver, M.L., & Dobson, E. (2019).
Service-learning through conference-based, interdisciplinary workshops on age-friendly design.
Gerontology & Geriatrics Education (Taylor & Francis), 41(2), pp. 200–205. Doi: 10.1080/02701960.2019.1643337.
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- Vieira, E.R., Estrázulas, J.A., Civitella, F., Carreno, J., D'Souza, N., **Özer, E.**, & Ortega, F. (2019).
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Innovation in Aging, Volume 3, Issue Supplement_1, November 2019, Page S338,
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- Özer, E.**, D'Souza, N., Vieira, E.R., & Ortega, F. (2019).
An Underline for the Underserved: A Pilot Study to Explore Simulation Research for Sustainable Aging Around Miami's Metrorail. Accessible from: <https://cuny.manifoldapp.org/read/an-underline-for-the-underserved/section/8d2e091e-02d4-48fa-b72b-95e63218d6e3>

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Climate considerations for design, implementation, and maintenance of green stormwater infrastructure in urban areas
In Eubanks, P. (ed.) *Engaged Scholarship*, (p. 332).
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In Yang, B. (ed.) *Bridging*, (p. 179). ISBN: 978-0985301347
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- Özer, E.** (2014).
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New York: Springer. Doi: 10.1007/s11252-013-0309-0. Print ISSN: 1083-8155. Online ISSN: 1573-1642.
[blind peer reviewed]
- Vassigh, S., **Özer, E.**, Spiegelhalter, T., & Chandler, J. (2013).
Integrated design pedagogy in building design education: Tools for teaching sustainable building design.
In A. Zarzycki & R. Dermody (eds.), *Tectonics of Teaching*, (pp. 163-170). ISBN: 978-0989598002.
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Conference in Bristol, Rhode Island.
[blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.**, & Vassigh, S. (2013).
Ecolearning interface: An educational software for teaching sustainable design strategies in building
and site design.
In R. Berney (ed.), *Urban Nature*, (pp. 217-230). Los Angeles: Figueroa Press. ISBN: 978-0182158898.
Full paper published in the printed proceedings of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual
Conference in Los Angeles, California.
[blind peer reviewed]
- Vassigh, S., Spiegelhalter, T., & **Özer, E.** (2013).
Best practices in sustainable building design: Interactive learning DVD.
In A. Zarzycki & R. Dermody (eds.), *Tectonics of Teaching*, (pp. 418-419). ISBN: 978-0989598002.
Poster and abstract published in the printed proceedings of the Building Technology Educators' Society Annual
Conference in Bristol, Rhode Island.
[blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.**, & Thompson, D. (2012).
City parks as integral urban infrastructures: Environmental sustainability through park design.
In C. Ellis (ed.), *Finding Center: Landscape + Values*, (p. 25). ISBN: 978-0985301309.
Abstract published in the printed proceedings of the 2012 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture
Annual Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
[blind peer reviewed]
- Cabezas, C., & **Özer, E.** (2012).
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In C. Ellis (ed.), *Finding Center: Landscape + Values*, (p. 9). ISBN: 978-0985301309.
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Annual Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
[blind peer reviewed]
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- Gewurtz, D., & **Özer, E.** (2012).
Rural conservation: The sustainable hybrid between rural and urban communities.
In C. Ellis (ed.), *Finding Center: Landscape + Values*, (p. 289). ISBN: 978-0985301309.
Abstract published in the printed proceedings of the 2012 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture
Annual Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
[blind peer reviewed]
*Co-authored with a 2nd year master's student.
- Özer, E.**, & Thompson, D. (2010).
Image of a public park.

Landscape Architecture, volume 100, number 2, pp.130-132. ISSN: 0023-8031.
[not peer reviewed, editorial review]

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Evaluating the integration of architectural and landscape architectural systems in the development of sustainable building systems.

In G. Carsjens (ed.), *Landscape Legacy: Landscape Architecture Between Art & Science*.

Wageningen, the Netherlands: GSC-Van Gils. ISBN: 978-9085857464.

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[blind peer reviewed]

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In H. Padem (ed.), *Science and Technology*, (pp. 292-300). Sarajevo, Bosne i Hercegovine: IBU Press.

Full paper published in the printed proceedings of the International Symposium on Sustainable Development in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. ISBN: 978-9958996528.

[blind peer reviewed]

Özer, E., & Michaels, W. (2008).

A design paradigm for low/medium density resort development in Çesme, Türkiye.

In M. Neal, & C. J. Jones (eds.), *2nd International Colloquium on Tourism and Leisure*. ISBN: 978-1606434512.

Full paper published in the digital proceedings of the International Colloquium on Tourism and Leisure in Chang-Mai, Thailand.

[blind peer reviewed]

Other publications:

Özer, E., Coke, A., Hernandez, S. & Rosati, R. (2024).

Naviva, a Four Seasons Resort. *Landscape Performance Series*, Landscape Architecture Foundation;

<https://doi.org/10.31353/cs2040>

[peer reviewed]

*Co-authored with three 2nd year master's students.

Özer, E. (2024).

Nurturing Nature Explorers: Embracing Nature in Playground Design.

Smart City Miami Magazine, Special Edition: Building Sustainable Communities, pp. 56-57.

[invited keynote, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (2022).

Teknoloji ve Ekolojinin Uyumu: Akıllı Şehirler (Harmony of Technology and Ecology: Smart Cities.)

Plant, volume 41-42, pp. 96-103.

[invited interview, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. & Stanford, S. (2016).

SoundScape Park.

Landscape Performance Series. Landscape Architecture Foundation. Accessible from: <https://doi.org/10.31353/cs1180>

Case Study Brief published in the digital Landscape Performance Series Case Study Briefs Database of the LAF.

[peer reviewed]

*Co-authored with a 2nd year master's student.

Özer, E., Gonzalez, G. (2014).

Pompano Beach Boulevard streetscape and dune restoration.

Landscape Performance Series. Landscape Architecture Foundation. Accessible from: <https://doi.org/10.31353/cs0830>

Case Study Brief published in the digital Landscape Performance Series Case Study Briefs Database of the LAF.
[peer reviewed]

*Co-authored with a 2nd year master's student.

Özer, E., Alvarado, V. (2014).

Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center: Phase I.

Landscape Performance Series. Landscape Architecture Foundation. Accessible from: <https://doi.org/10.31353/cs0820>

Case Study Brief published in the digital Landscape Performance Series Case Study Briefs Database of the LAF.
[peer reviewed]

*Co-authored with a 2nd year master's student.

Özer, E., Alvarado, V., & Gonzalez, G. (2014).

1100 block streetscape of Lincoln Road Mall.

Landscape Performance Series. Landscape Architecture Foundation. Accessible from: <https://doi.org/10.31353/cs0810>

Case Study Brief published in the digital Landscape Performance Series Case Study Briefs Database of the LAF.
[peer reviewed]

*Co-authored with 2nd year master's students.

Creative Work

Selected projects from my practice of landscape architecture at LandscapeDE (with D. Thompson):

Pioneer Park, Port St Lucie, Florida.

Design of a nature playground.

Client: City of Port St Lucie

LandscapeDE's role: Prime consultant and landscape architect

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Dates: Oct. 2019 – 2024.

Total project cost: \$5.5 million.

[Built]

South Miami Park Running Path and New Entry Gate, South Miami, Florida.

Design of a new architectural pedestrian entry gate and an asphalt running course around South Miami Park.

Client: City of South Miami

LandscapeDE's role: Prime consultant and landscape architect

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Dates: Jan. 2017 – Ongoing.

Estimated project cost: \$70,000+

[Under construction]

*Won The Miami Foundation 2017 Public Space Challenge. 1 of 21 winners out of 441 entries.

Kendall Indian Hammocks Park Playground, Kendall, Florida.

Design of a nature playground.

Client: Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

LandscapeDE's role: Prime consultant and landscape architect

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Dates: Jun. 2019 – Apr. 2023

Total project cost: \$400,000

[Built]

*Won the 2025 ASLA Florida Design Awards - Award of Excellence [blind juried].

*Featured in an article by M. D. Saxinger & R. Kardys. (2023). 'Nature-Based Play Grows Community in Miami-Dade County' in *Parks & Recreation*, National Recreation and Park Association.

Upper Garden - Pinecrest Gardens, Pinecrest Village, Florida.

Design of a new family-oriented garden that includes a new playground, petting zoo, sensory garden, outdoor dining areas, a new restroom building, and new classroom facilities on a 1.5-acre project site.

Client: Village of Pinecrest

LandscapeDE's role: Prime consultant and landscape architect. The multi-disciplinary project team included architects, engineers, a zoo designer, artists, accessibility consultants, and others.

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Dates: Oct. 2019 – Dec 2022.

Total project cost: \$6.5 million

[Built]

*Won the *Miami New Times* "Best of Miami" 2023 Readers' Choice.

*Won the 2024 ASLA Florida Design Awards - Award of Honor [blind juried].

Camp Matecumbe Park Playground, South Miami-Dade, Florida.

Design of a nature playground.

Client: Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

LandscapeDE's role: Prime consultant and landscape architect

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Dates: Oct. 2016 - Aug 2020. Total project cost: \$945,000

[Built]

*Won the 2022 ASLA Florida Design Awards - Award of Honor [blind juried] and published in book *Nature-Based Playgrounds Design Criteria* (2022) by Curtis + Rogers Design Studio, pages 2, 12, 17, 21, 34, 96, 101, 104.

Biscayne Shores and Gardens Park Playground, North Miami-Dade, Florida.

Design of a nature playground.

Client: Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

LandscapeDE's role: Prime consultant and landscape architect

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Dates: Oct. 2016 - Feb. 2019

Total project cost: \$650,000

[Built]

*Featured in *Nature-Based Playgrounds Design Criteria* (2022) pages 4, 8, 17, 71, and 104 and also in 'Applaud the Improvements: Miami-Dade Comes Through for Biscayne Shores and Gardens Park' by Goodman, Janet. *Biscayne Times*. (2019, June 15).

Norman and Jean Reach Park Playground, Miami, Florida.

Design of a playground.

Client: Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces

LandscapeDE's role: Prime consultant and landscape architect

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Dates: Sept. 2015 - Feb. 2017

Total project cost: \$270,000

[Built]

SW 42nd Terrace Pocket Park (a.k.a. Commissioner Welch Park), South Miami, Florida.

Design of a pocket park in a residential neighborhood of South Miami.

Client: City of South Miami

LandscapeDE's role: Prime consultant and landscape architect

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Dates: Sept. 2016 - Mar. 2018

Total monetary costs: \$5,000

[Built]

*Finalist for The Miami Foundation 2016 Public Space Challenge. 1 of 56 finalists out of 400+ entries.

SW 50th Street Pocket Park, South Miami, Florida.

Conceptual design proposal for a neighborhood park.

LandscapeDE's role: Landscape architect

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Dates: Sept. 2013 - December 2014

[Unbuilt]

*Finalist for The Miami Foundation 2014 Public Space Challenge. 1 of 45 finalists out of 410 entries.

City of North Miami Key Developments Plan, North Miami, Florida.

Conceptual designs for the city's public space improvements and private developments.

Client: City of North Miami

LandscapeDE's role: Led the development of project ideas and visualizations for the concepts. (Project with Corradino Group)

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson, Project Manager; Ebru Özer, Assistant Project Manager

Date: Summer 2014; Total planning project fees: \$20,000.

[Unbuilt]

Brickell Market, Brickell, Florida

Conceptual design proposal for a public plaza under the elevated Metro Rail of Miami.

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson & Ebru Özer

Date: 2011-2012

[Unbuilt]

*Published in news articles and blogs, exhibited in museums, and utilized in the community events to collect citizen input to guide the actual development of today's *The Underline*.

Brickell Bay Park, Brickell, Florida

Conceptual design proposal to convert a city street in Brickell (Brickell Bay Drive) into a waterfront park.

Key personnel involved: Douglas Thompson & Ebru Özer

Date: 2011-2012

[Unbuilt]

*Published in news articles and blogs, presented in community events, received accolades from politicians including the Commissioner and Mayor of Miami, and instigated efforts to address the re-occurring street flooding on the Brickell Bay Drive (<https://www.miamigov.com/My-Government/Departments/Office-of-Capital-Improvements/Capital-Improvements-Projects-Construction-Notices-Per-District/District-2-Capital-Improvements-Projects-1-1/Brickell-Bay-Drive-Seawall-and-Resiliency-Improvements>)

Exhibition of work and student work - curated by others

Reimagining The Commodore Trail. (September 7, 2019, through April 1, 2020).

Curated by Christine Rupp.

This exhibition featured my students' visionary work for the Commodore Trail, which was developed as part of a design studio course I taught. Announcement of the exhibition is accessible from:

<https://dadeheritagetrust.org/event/opening-reception-for-the-reimagining-the-commodore-trail-exhibit-at-dade-heritage-trust/>

Miami, Florida: Dade Heritage Trust, Brickell Gallery.

Reimagining The Commodore Trail. (May 7, 2019).

Curated by the Friends of The Commodore Trail.

This exhibition featured my students' visionary work for the Commodore Trail, which was developed as part of a design studio course I taught. Community members, City of Miami Mayor, City of Miami Commissioner, and many other politicians were in attendance. A front page *Miami Herald* news article about this event is accessible from:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/coconut-grove/article230195539.html>

Coconut Grove, Florida: Kampong National Tropical Botanical Garden Gallery.

Ludlam Trail 2020: From Grassroots to Treetops. (October 2, 2015, through January 31, 2016).

Co-curated by Tony Garcia and Eric Katz.

This exhibition featured a conceptual design project, *Ludlam Trail*, I developed with Douglas Thompson. Our work was showcased as the centerpiece of the exhibit. The exhibition also featured my students' works developed as part of my design studio courses. The goal of the exhibition was to inform citizens about the 6.2-mile-long abandoned rail corridor and illustrate the potential reuse alternatives for it. Announcement of the exhibition is accessible from: <https://www.artrabbit.com/events/ludlam-trail-2020-from-grassroots-to-treetops>
Video walk is accessible from: <https://vimeo.com/154504495>

Coral Gables, Florida: Coral Gables Museum.

The Underline: Make it Yours. (March 6 through May 31, 2015).

Curated by Meg Daily.

This interactive exhibition featured a conceptual design project, *Brickell Market*, I developed with Douglas Thompson. Our design drawings were showcased in large prints and utilized to collect citizen input to inform the actual design of *The Underline*, a 10-mile multi-use trail underneath Miami's Metrorail.

Announcement of the exhibition is accessible from: <https://coralgablesmuseum.org/portfolio-item/the-underline-make-it-yours/>

Coral Gables, Florida: Coral Gables Museum.

The Underline: Make it Yours. (September 16 through November 16, 2014).

Curated by Meg Daily.

This interactive exhibition featured creative work, a conceptual design project, *Brickell Market*, I developed with Douglas Thompson. Our design drawings were showcased in large prints and utilized to collect citizen input to inform the actual design of *The Underline*, a 10-mile multiuse trail underneath Miami's Metrorail.

Announcement of the exhibition is accessible from: <https://www.theunderline.org/2014/09/13/historymiami-make-it-yours-exhibition/>

Miami, Florida: History Miami Museum.

FIU Faculty Works Art Show. (April 5, 2014).

This exhibition featured my artwork, *Zone 8-9* [Dried leaves of zone 8 and 9 plants pressed on heavy paper].
The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, Miami, Florida.

FIU Department of Architecture Faculty Recent Work. (January 11 through February 8, 2013).

Curated by SoA Lectures and Exhibitions Committee

This exhibition featured *Best Practices in Sustainable Building Design* [Book pages] I co-authored with Shahin Vassigh and Thomas Spiegelhalter.

Miami Beach, Florida: Miami Beach Urban Studios Gallery.

Funded Research

Funds Received

Vassigh, S. (PI); Bogosian, B., Pezeshk, S., Butler, M. & **Özer, E.** (Co-PIs).

BIOCAP: Biodiversity Improvement by Optimizing Coastal Adaptation and Performance.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

\$476,806 in federal funding & \$83,569 match.

Project dates: 4/2024–4/2026 (ongoing effort).

[External funding]

Özer, E. (PI).

Case Study Investigation for Naviva, A Four Seasons Resort

Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF). Project No: 800019923. AWD000000017119.

\$ 5600.

Project dates: 2/2024–12/2024.

[External funding]

Özer, E. (PI); Stuart, J. (Co-PI).

Exploring green infrastructure's role in flood mitigation through neighborhood scale streetscape design.

Florida Sea Grant/UF. Project No: 800015121. AWD000000013166.

\$5,400.

Project dates: 2021–2023. [External funding]

Özer, E. (PI).

2020 Campus Rainworks Challenge.

United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA). Project No: 800014784. AWD000000012885

\$2,500.

Project dates: 2021–2024 (ongoing effort).

[External funding]

Vieira, E. (PI); D'Souza, N., **Özer, E.**, Ortega F. (Co-PIs).

Exploring Simulation Research for Sustainable Aging in Place around Miami's Metrorail.

Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Mini Grant. AWD000000009339

\$2,500.

Project dates: 2018–2019.

[External funding]

D'Souza, N. (PI); **Özer, E.**, Vieira, E., Martinez, I. (Co-PIs).

An Underline for the Underserved: Exploring Simulation Research for Sustainable Aging in Place Around Miami's Metrorail.

CARTA Interdisciplinary Seed Grant.

\$5,000.

Project dates: 2017–2018.

[Internal funding]

Gutsche, R. (PI); **Özer, E.**, Jacobson, S., MacMillin, K., Pinto, J., Church, P., Nepomechie, M., Rifkind, D., Canaves, M., Rovira, R., Villar, M. (Co-PIs).

Eyes on the Rise: Citizen Stories, Science, and Expression.

CARTA Interdisciplinary Seed Grant.

\$5,000.

Project dates: 2016–2017.

[Internal funding]

Özer, E. (PI).

Case study investigations for 1111 Lincoln Road, Nova Southeastern University, and Pompano Beach Dune Enhancement and Streetscape.

Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF)

\$ 6,720.

Project dates: 2014–2015.

[External funding]

Özer, E. (PI).

Stylistic exploration of illustration.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation - The Wolfsonian Curriculum Development Grant.

\$ 5,000.

Project dates: 2011–2012.

[Internal funding]

Vassigh, S. (PI); **Özer, E.** (Co-PI).

Learning sustainable design through an interactive computer-simulated environment.

Paul L. Cejas Discretionary Strategic Initiative Grant.

\$ 10,000.

Project dates: 2009–2011.

[Internal funding]

Vassigh, S. (PI); MacKay, K., Danford, S., English, K., Khan, O. (Co-PIs); **Özer, E.**, Chandler, J., Spiegelhalter, T. (Senior Personnel).

Building literacy: The integration of building technology and design in architectural education.

United States Department of Education FIPSE Grant.

\$ 553,000.

Project dates: 2008–2011.

[External funding]

Rovira, R. (PI); **Özer, E.** (Co-PI).

107th Avenue expansion project.

Florida Department of Transportation Grant w/ City of Sweetwater through FIU Metropolitan Center.

\$ 23,000.

Project dates: 2007–2008.

[External funding]

Publication and media coverage of work and student work - authored by others

_____. *LAND*. (2023, Jun 27).

‘Meet the 2023 Class of the Council of Fellows’

Accessible from: <https://www.asla.org/land/LandArticle.aspx?id=63833>

A blog article featuring the 2023 ASLA Fellows.

_____. *LAND*. (2023, April 4).

‘Curious about the ASLA Student Awards Application Process?’

Accessible from: <https://www.asla.org/land/LandArticle.aspx?id=62700>

A blog article featuring an upcoming webinar, “Demystifying the ASLA Student Awards,” I will be presenting with three other colleagues. The webinar will introduce the best practices in competition submissions. The goal is to assist landscape architecture students from around the nation, and abroad, with their ASLA student design awards submissions, and to advance the quality of submission packages.

Moffat, Lara. *The Field*. (2023, March 2).

‘Women’s History Month: Building on the Past, Planning for the Future.’ Accessible from:

<https://thefield.asla.org/2023/03/02/womens-history-month-building-on-the-past-planning-for-the-future/>

A blog article featuring two co-authored presentations my colleagues and I presented during the ASLA 2022 Annual Conference in San Francisco, California.

_____. *The Field*. (2023, January 24).

‘ASLA Honors: Recognizing Outstanding Contributions to the Profession.’ Accessible from:

<https://thefield.asla.org/2023/01/24/asla-honors-recognizing-outstanding-contributions-to-the-profession/>

A blog article featuring the 2022 ASLA Honors recipients and their awards, including my 2022 ASLA Community Service Award.

_____. *LAND*. (2022, July 12).

‘ASLA Announces 2022 Honors Recipients’

Accessible from: <https://www.asla.org/land/LandArticle.aspx?id=61535>

A blog article featuring the 2022 ASLA Honors recipients and their awards, including my 2022 ASLA Community Service Award.

Klettke, Russ. *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, volume 113, number 2, February 2023 issue, pages 118-119.

‘What Works Well in Landscape Architecture Advertising.’

A magazine article featuring the 2022 LAMMY Awards, for which I served as an invited juror. The article elaborates on landscape architecture advertising strategies that was shared by invited jurors during a panel presentation at ASLA 2022 Annual Conference in San Francisco, California.

Klettke, Russ. *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, volume 110, no 9, pp. 206-207. (2020).

‘ACE Mentor Legacy Project: It’s On: The ASLA Miami team isn't letting a virus stop them from transforming a sad schoolyard.’

A magazine article featuring the 2020 ACE Mentor Legacy Project for which I have been serving as the project chair since 2019.

United States Environmental Protection Agency. (2020, April 29).

‘EPA Announces Winners of its Annual Campus RainWorks Challenge’ [Press Release]. Accessible from:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-winners-its-annual-campus-rainworks-challenge>

A press release announcing the official results of the 2019 Campus RainWorks Challenge, where an interdisciplinary student team that I co-advised with Dr. Arturo Leon received a national 1st prize award.

United States Department of Energy, Solar Energy Technologies Office. (2020, April 27).

‘Solar District Cup.’ Accessible from: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/solar-district-cup>

An official announcement for the results of the 2020 US Solar District Cup Collegiate Design Competition, where an interdisciplinary student team I advised with other colleagues received a national 1st prize award.

Menendez, Patricia. *Panther NOW*. (2019, August 11).

‘FIU Team Works to Restore Historic Miami Trail.’

Accessible from: <http://panthernow.com/2019/08/11/fiu-team-works-to-restore-historic-miami-trail/>

An article focused on Commodore Trail featuring my studio’s work and the design proposals my students developed as part of my course.

Klettke, Russ. *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, volume 113, number 2. (2019).

‘Plan Now for the ASLA/ACE Legacy Project 2020’

A magazine teaser featuring the 2020 ACE Mentor Legacy Project for which I have been serving as the project chair since 2019.

Goodman, Janet. *Biscayne Times*. (2019, June 15).

‘Applaud the Improvements: Miami-Dade Comes Through for Biscayne Shores and Gardens Park.’

A newspaper article on a nature playground I designed with Douglas Thompson for the Miami-Dade County Parks Recreation and Open Spaces Department. Maria Nardi, the Director of the Miami Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, calls the project "an outrageously gorgeous playground."

Robertson, Linda. *Miami Herald*. (2019, June 3).

‘This neglected, dangerous Miami trail is almost invisible. There’s a plan to restore it.’ Accessible from:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/coconut-grove/article230195539.html>

An article focused on Commodore Trail featuring my studio’s work and the design proposals my students developed as part of my course.

Varela, Daniel. *Miami Herald*. (2019, May 9).

‘Miami’s neglected, dangerous Commodore Trail has a new vision.’ Accessible from:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/article230219649.html>

An article focused on Commodore Trail featuring my studio’s work and the design proposals my students developed as part of my course.

Viglucchi, Andres. *Miami Herald*. (2019, March 23).

‘The Ludlam Trail is finally ready to go. Work on the first segment will start this year.’ Accessible from:
<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/business/real-estate-news/article228227444.html>

An article focused on the Ludlam Trail, featuring an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Ludlam Trail*, I developed with D. Thompson.

Hanks, Douglas. *Miami Herald*. (2019, January 25).

‘Development hubs ready to rise along Ludlam Trail along Miami-Dade approval.’ Accessible from:
<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article225024775.html>

An article focused on the Ludlam Trail, featuring an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Ludlam Trail*, I developed with D. Thompson.

Hanks, Douglas. *Miami Herald*. (2018, September 14).

‘After a long trek, Miami-Dade finally ready to purchase Ludlam Trail park.’ Accessible from:
<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article218401705.html>

An article focused on the Ludlam Trail, featuring an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Ludlam Trail*, I developed with D. Thompson.

Viglucchi, Andres. *Miami Herald*. (2016, March 19).

‘Miami’s Underline, Ludlam Trail bikeways grab state grants.’ Accessible from:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article66960392.html>

An article focused on the Ludlam Trail, featuring an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Ludlam Trail*, I developed with D. Thompson.

Smiley, David. *Miami Herald*. (2016, January 13).

‘Negotiations underway for purchase of Ludlam Trail railway.’ Accessible from:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article54573440.html>

An article focused on the Ludlam Trail, featuring an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Ludlam Trail*, I developed with D. Thompson.

Brizuela, Juan. *CARTA News*. (2015, December 15).

‘FIU Wins Half of APA Florida Gold Coast Planning Awards.’ Accessible from:

<https://cartanews.fiu.edu/landscape/fiu-wins-half-of-apa-florida-gold-coast-planning-awards/>

An article focused on the two the APA awards my students received for their work related to the Ludlam Trail and an award I received with Douglas Thompson, Victor Dover, Marie Chael, Tony Garcia, Frankie Ruiz, and Eric Katz for our Ludlam Trail initiative.

Walsh, J. *PantherNOW*. (2015, November 4).

‘Architecture students awarded for landscape designs.’ Accessible from:

<https://panthernow.com/2015/11/04/architecture-students-awarded-for-landscape-designs/>

An article elaborating on blind juried ASLA Florida student award winning projects.

Brizuela, Juan. *CARTA News*. (2015, October 15).

‘New Coral Gables Museum exhibit ‘Ludlam Trail 2020’ features FIU LAEUD future visions. Accessible from:

<https://cartanews.fiu.edu/landscape/new-coral-gables-museum-exhibit-ludlam-trail-2020-features-fiu-laeud-future-visions/>

An article focused on a museum exhibition of my students’ work related to the Ludlam Trail and elaborating on the *Ludlam Trail* project I developed with D. Thompson.

Viglucchi, Andres. *Miami Herald*. (2015, October 5).

‘Ludlam Trail plan back on track.’ Accessible from:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article37402962.html>

An article focused on the Ludlam Trail, featuring an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Ludlam Trail*, I developed with D. Thompson.

Kiah, C. M. *FIU News*. (2015, September 30).

‘Faculty convocation recognizes outstanding professors at FIU.’

Accessible from: <https://newsarchives.fiu.edu/2015/09/faculty-convocation-recognizes-outstanding-teaching-at-fiu>

An article featuring the 2015 Faculty Senate Award recipients, including me and my Excellence in Teaching Award.

_____. *The Beacon*, vol 27, Issue 18. (2015, September 21).

‘Brightest Minds Lighting the Way.’

Newspaper feature of the recognition of my 2015 Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award and Medal.

Butler, Alex. *Miami Herald*. (2015, May 22).

‘Commissioner Welsh is still miffed by Underline.’ Accessible from:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/south-miami/article21702201.html>

An article focused on the Underline Trail, featuring an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Brickell Market*, I developed with D. Thompson.

SOMI Magazine, Volume 10, Number 4, Page 23. (2015, April/May).

‘Ten-mile Urban Linear Park & Trail under the Miami-Dade Metrorail.’

This printed magazine features an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Brickell Market*, I developed with D. Thompson.

Hanks, Douglas. *Miami Herald*. (2014, December 16).

‘Ludlam Trail decision delayed until 2016.’ Accessible from:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article4530251.html>

An article focused on the Ludlam Trail, featuring an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Ludlam Trail*, I developed with D. Thompson.

Staletovich, Jenny. *Miami Herald*. (2014, November 21).

‘Hearing on Ludlam Trail postponed to December.’ Accessible from:

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article4021984.html>

An article focused on the Ludlam Trail, featuring an illustration of a conceptual design proposal, *Ludlam Trail*, I developed with D. Thompson.

Seckin, Cagatay. (Ed). (2014). *EHLA 2014 Edirne: Tarihi Peyzaj ve Kültürel Mirasın Değerlendirilmesi Çalıştayı Özet Raporu*

This printed book compiles and presents the outcome of an international workshop for which I was one of the invited participants and presenters. Pages 85 through 92 include summaries of my contributions and also my drawings.

Señorín-Tolbert, J. of FIU Foundation. (2013, December 1). *FIU Give News*.

‘Bringing art to life and into the classroom.’ Accessible from: <https://givenews.fiu.edu/2013/12/01/bringing-art-to-life-and-into-the-classroom/>

An article elaborating on a grant I received from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation-The Wolfsonian to integrate museum collection into my Computer Practices 3 course curriculum.

Larin, Andres. *Brickell.com* (2013, November 6).

‘Prominent architects propose massive park for Brickell Bay Drive.’ Accessible from:

<http://www.brickell.com/prominent-architects-propose-massive-park-for-brickell-bay-drive/>

An article focused on a conceptual design proposal I developed with D. Thompson for Brickell Bay Drive.

McCaughan, Sean. *Curbed*. (2013, October 30).

‘Landscape architects propose a Bayfront Park conversion for Brickell Bay Drive.’ Accessible from:

<http://miami.curbed.com/archives/2013/10/30/landscape-archs-propose-parking-bay-front-brickell-street.php>

An article focused on a conceptual design proposal I developed with D. Thompson for Brickell Bay Drive.

_____. *SABMag Sustainable Architecture & Building Magazine*, Issue 39, (pp. 8-9). (2013, Spring issue).

‘Best practices in sustainable building design.’

Review of the book, *Best Practices in Sustainable Building Design*, I co-authored with Shahin Vassigh and Thomas Spiegelhalter.

Gamboa, A. FIU Architecture News. (2013, February 6).

‘Winners announced for the 2013 Spring Design Charrette.’

An article focused on the 2013 School of Architecture Spring Design Charrette Competition in which a team of architecture students I advised won the first-place award out of 30 teams.

_____. (Winter 2013).

‘2012 chapter design awards.’

Florida Landscapes, volume 1, number 1. (p. 19).

An award-winning design project developed by graduate student J. Álvarez as part of my regional design studio course was featured.

Azenha, Felipe. *Stoic Urbanist*. (2012, February 29).

‘Envisioning Brickell Bay Park.’ Accessible from: <https://stoicurbanist.com/envisioning-brickell-bay-park/>

An article focused on a conceptual design proposal I developed with D. Thompson for Brickell Bay Drive.

Bates, K. (ed.). (2011).

‘2011 student awards.’

Landscape Architecture 10/11. Marceline, Missouri: Walsworth Print Group. (pp. 10, 90, 91).

Award-winning projects developed as part of my design studio course by graduate students J. Álvarez and C. Cabezas were featured.

Paredes, V. (2011, October 3). *The Beacon*. (p. 6).

‘Architecture students stand out.’

An article in the FIU student newspaper featuring award-winning projects of my studio students, José Álvarez and Christopher Cabezas.

Baker, T. *Landscape Architecture*, volume 100, number 6. (p.15). (2010, February issue).

‘More on South Pointe Park.’

A critique of an article I co-authored with D. Thompson published in *Landscape Architecture*.

Presented Keynotes, Papers, Lectures, Panels, Workshops

Özer, E. (July 18, 2025).

Green Infrastructure for Urban Resilience: Adaptive Landscapes for a Changing World

In-person keynote presentation.

4th SURE (Society for Urban Ecology) World Conference, Yıldız Teknik Üniversitesi, İstanbul, Türkiye.

[invited and sponsored, **keynote**]

Chaphekar, A. Coke, A., Laffey, M., Ville, J., **Özer, E.** & Bruck, J. (July 16, 2025).

Student Research from Florida's Two Landscape Architecture Programs.

Coordinator and moderator for a student presentation and panel discussion.

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter Annual Conference, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

[peer reviewed, DBPR approved]

- Özer, E.**, Pritchard, K., Thoren, R. (March 28, 2025).
Rethinking the Traditional Studio Model: Cost Efficiency, Modality, and Space Utilization
 In-person research presentation as a panelist.
 CELA 2025 Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.**, Bischoff, G. (March 28, 2025).
The Role of Accreditation in Addressing Global Environmental Challenges.
 In-person research presentation.
 CELA 2025 Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.**, O'Mahoney, E., Kissinger, P., Artunç, S. (March 29, 2025).
Bridging Practice and Pedagogy: Transitioning from Industry to Academia.
 In-person research presentation as a panelist.
 CELA 2025 Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (November 18, 2024).
Exploring Landscape Architecture through Innovation, Advocacy, and Community Service.
 Online research presentation.
 IFLA International Webinar Conference on Landscape Architecture Education and Studio Pedagogy.
 [invited]
- Özer, E.**, Pritchard, K., Bischoff, G., Carter-Conneen, T. (September 4, 2024).
Landscape Architecture Accreditation in a Code Red Era: Comparative Perspectives
 In-person research presentation.
 IFLA 60th World Congress, Istanbul, Türkiye.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Artunç, S., Özdil, T., **Özer, E.** (September 4, 2024).
Adapting to Emerging Global Dynamics in the Age of Environmental Crises: US Experience
 In-person research presentation.
 IFLA 60th World Congress, Istanbul, Türkiye.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.**, Nassar, H., LeBleu, C., Steffens, A. (September 5, 2024).
The Representation of Women in Landscape Architecture Education
 In-person research presentation.
 IFLA 60th World Congress, Istanbul, Türkiye.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.**, O'Mahoney, E., Kotowicz, S. (September 5, 2024).
The ASLA Legacy Project for Career Discovery in Landscape Architecture
 In-person research presentation.
 IFLA 60th World Congress, Istanbul, Türkiye.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özdil, T., **Özer, E.**, Mexi, A., Doherty, G., Thoren, R., Dodera, R., Çabuk, S. N., Rovira, R. Moderated by Martinelli, A. (September 6, 2024).
From Crisis to Curriculum: Reimagining Education for the Anthropocene
 In-person panel presentation.
 IFLA 60th World Congress, Istanbul, Türkiye.
 [invited]

Özer, E. (September 18, 2023).

Nurturing Nature Explorers: Embracing Nature in Playground Design

In-person keynote presentation.

Smart City Expo, Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, Miami, Florida.

[invited, **keynote**]

Özer, E. (July 27, 2023).

How Do You Measure Your Landscape Design's Performance?

In-person conference presentation.

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter Annual Conference, Aventura, Florida.

[peer reviewed, DBPR approved, competitive selection] DBPR 13278, 1.5CEC

Thompson, D. & **Özer, E.** (July 27, 2023).

Nature and Playgrounds: Exposing children to nature during play.

In-person conference presentation.

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter Annual Conference, Aventura, Florida.

[peer reviewed, DBPR approved, competitive selection] DBPR 13273, 1 CEC

Bailey, S. Catala, E., Webster, B., Zipf, E., **Özer, E.** & Manley, D. (July 28, 2023).

Student Research from Florida's Two Landscape Architecture Programs.

Coordinator and moderator for a student presentation and panel discussion.

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter Annual Conference, Aventura, Florida.

[peer reviewed, DBPR approved]

Özer, E. (July 19, 2023).

Learning Urban Sustainability Beyond the Classroom: Integrating student field trips to classroom instruction for experiential education of green infrastructure.

In-person research presentation.

Sustainable by Design: Re-shaping the Human Landscape of Latin American Cities

University of Wisconsin, Lubar Entrepreneurship Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

[invited, sponsored, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (July 18, 2023).

Urban Resilience through Landscape Architecture: Green Infrastructure's contribution to livable, equitable, and sustainable cities of the Americas

In-person research presentation.

Sustainable by Design: Re-shaping the Human Landscape of Latin American Cities.

University of Wisconsin, Lubar Entrepreneurship Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

[invited, sponsored, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (April 14, 2023).

Academic and Professional Leadership.

In-person panel presentation.

University of Georgia, College of Environment and Design, Athens, Georgia.

[invited, sponsored, not peer reviewed]

Artunç, S., Berg, R., Mendenhall, A., **Özer, E.**, & Mahadin, T. (March 18, 2023).

Mind the gap: How to bridge the gap between academia and practice.

In-person research presentation.

2023 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

[blind peer reviewed]

- Steffens, A., **Özer, E.**, LeBleu, C., & Nassar, H. (March 16, 2023)
Status of women in landscape architecture: A study of ASLA and CELA career success metrics.
 In-person research presentation.
 2023 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (December 3, 2022).
Restoring and regenerating urban ecosystems: Landscape design and planning case studies from the USA.
 Virtual research presentation at a hybrid conference.
 2022 IDUPEM Landscape Planning and Design Research Symposium in Izmir Democracy University, Izmir, Türkiye.
 [invited, peer reviewed, closing **keynote**]
- Özer, E.** (November 17, 2022).
Climate Considerations & Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design.
 Virtual research presentation at a virtual conference.
 2022 Türkiye Peyzajları 4. Ulusal Konferansı “İklim Değişikliği ve Peyzajlar”
 (2022 4th National Turkish Landscapes Conference on “Climate Change and Landscape Architecture”)
 Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon, Türkiye.
 [invited]
- Moffat, L., Philips, A., Henry, E., Okigbo, K., & **Özer, E.** (November 12, 2022).
Cultivating Conversations: An open dialog to affect change in organizational culture.
 In-person deep-dive panel presentation.
 2022 ASLA National Annual Conference in San Francisco, California.
 2.5 PDH LA CES – Ticketed deep dive session.
 [peer reviewed, competitive selection]
 *Out of 340 submitted proposals 113 were selected for presentation. Only 6 of 113 were deep dives.
- Özer, E.**, O’Mahoney, E., Harrison, B., & Deschamps, C. (August 12, 2022).
ASLA ACE Legacy Project: A conversation on career discovery in landscape architecture.
 In-person panel presentation and discussion.
 2022 ASLA Florida Annual Conference in Panama City, Florida.
 [peer reviewed, DBPR approved, competitive selection] DBPR 12909, 1 CEC
 *Co-presented with a 1st year bachelor’s student.
- Özer, E.**, LeBleu, C., Steffens, A., & Nassar, A. (August 11, 2022).
State of women’s representation within the profession: Survey findings, interviews, and more.
 In-person research presentation.
 2022 ASLA Florida Annual Conference in Panama City, Florida.
 [peer reviewed, DBPR approved, competitive selection] DBPR 12910, 1.5 CEC
- O’Mahoney, E., Martin, E., Miller, W. **Özer, E.**, Castellano, P., & Gevelinger, L.A. (August 11, 2022).
Women in Landscape Architecture: Where we are & Where we are going.
 In-person panel presentation.
 2022 ASLA Florida Annual Conference in Panama City, Florida.
 [peer reviewed, DBPR approved, competitive selection] DBPR 12917, 1.5 CEC
- Özer, E.** (June 24, 2022).
Measuring, calculating, and evaluating the performance of green stormwater infrastructure: Case studies from the United States.
 Virtual research presentation at a hybrid conference.
 2022 Global Interdisciplinary Green Cities Conference in Lucerne University of Applied Sciences & Arts, Luzern, Switzerland. [peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (May 13, 2022).

ABD’de Peyzaj Mimarlığı: Tarihsel Gelişim, Akreditasyon, Mesleki Örgütlenmeler ve ASLA.

Ege Üniversitesi Kariyer Soylesileri.

Virtual research/service presentation to the students and faculty of Ege University, Izmir, Türkiye.

[invited, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (April 20, 2022).

Landscape Architecture Education in the U.S.A., Europe, and Türkiye.

Virtual panel presentation. The 100th program of the Turkish Association for Landscape Architecture Education and Science (PEMDER) was devoted to the discussion of the history and evolution of landscape architecture education across the world. The panel included three faculty members each focusing on their respective areas of expertise. I presented my research on United States’ case. The other two presenters addressed Türkiye’s and Europe’s cases. PEMDER President, Dr. Veli Ortacesme served as the moderator.

[invited, not peer reviewed]

Basse, M., Bellalta, M., & **Özer, E.** (April 1, 2022).

Path to Professor: Faculty Pipeline.

In-person panel presentation.

LABash 2022 Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

[reviewed by student conference committee, competitive selection]

Steffens, A., LeBleu, C., **Özer, E.**, & Nassar, H. (March 18, 2022).

Are women underrepresented in landscape architecture education?

In-person research presentation.

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2022 Annual Conference, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico.

[blind peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (Oct 21, 2021).

Connecting Structure to Nature: Urban Resiliency through Green Infrastructure.

In-person lecture and research presentation for the students of Tiffany Troxler’s EVR 4434/5935 Sustainable Resilient Cities course at FIU.

[invited, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (Mar 12, 2021).

Peyzaj performansini olmede kellanilan yontemler ve aracler.

Virtual research presentation through YouTube.

UCTEA Chamber of Turkish Landscape Architects

[invited, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (Feb 5, 2021).

How to measure the performance of public landscapes: Case studies from Miami-Dade County

Virtual research presentation through YouTube.

Florida Native Plant Society.

[invited, not peer reviewed]

Nardi, M., Counts, C., & **Özer, E.** – Moderated by Jacobs, C. (July 17, 2020).

Urban Re-Design: Parks and Public Spaces.

Virtual panel discussion.

The Miami Center for Architecture & Design (MCAD)

[invited, not peer reviewed]

- Özer, E.** (May 23, 2019).
An Underline for the Underserved: A Pilot Study to Explore Simulation Research for Sustainable Aging Around Miami's Metrorail
 In-person research presentation.
 Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) 50th Conference, Brooklyn, NY.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (Mar 26, 2019).
Connecting Natural to the Built: An Alternative Method of Managing Stormwater
 In-person lecture and research presentation.
 ARC 539/639 Adaptation to Climate Change Course Lecture Series of Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk. University of Miami, Architecture Perez Center, Coral Gables, Florida.
 [invited, not peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (April 2, 2019).
Connecting Structure to Nature: Urban resiliency Through Green Infrastructure
 In-person research presentation.
 Fondazione Ordine Architetti PPC di Genova (Genoa Architect's Order), Genoa, Italy.
 [invited, not peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (March 9, 2019).
Climate considerations for design, implementation, and maintenance of green stormwater infrastructure in urban areas
 In-person research presentation.
 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2019 Annual Conference in Sacramento, California.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Martinez, I.L. & **Özer, E.** (June 9, 2017).
Working together across generations: An experiment in open space design.
 In-person research presentation.
 2017 Association for Anthropology, Gerontology, and the Life Course Conference in Oxford, United Kingdom.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (May 27, 2017).
The role of small city parks in urban sustainability: Case of Soundscape Park in Miami Beach.
 In-person research presentation.
 2017 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference. Beijing, China.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (Apr 4, 2017).
Stormwater management and the role of green infrastructure in climate change.
 In-person lecture and research presentation.
 ARC 539/639 Adaptation to Climate Change Course Lecture Series of Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk. University of Miami, Architecture Perez Center, Coral Gables, Florida.
 [invited, not peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (March 10, 2017).
The Underline as an age-friendly public outdoor destination: The case of Coconut Grove Station.
 Workshop presentation.
 2017 Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Conference. Dadeland Marriott Hotel, Miami, Florida.
 [blind peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (Feb 2, 2017).

Connecting building systems with natural systems: Green infrastructure and the role of landscape architecture in sustainability and resiliency of the built environment.

In-person lecture and research presentation.

Sea Level Solution Center Lecture Series, MBUS, Miami Beach, Florida.

[invited, not peer reviewed]

Örnek, M. & Özer, E. (June 5, 2015).

Employing open simulator as an immersive and collaborative geodesign tool.

In-person research presentation.

2015 Digital Landscape Architecture (DLA) Conference in Dessau, Germany.

[blind peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (April 11, 2015).

Past & Present of Lincoln Road's Streetscape, South Pointe Park, Soundscape Park.

During the 45th Annual Meeting of the 2015 Urban Affairs Association, I was asked to be a tour leader and present my research on South Pointe Park, Soundscape Park, and Lincoln Road Mall to the 22 academic participants of the tour.

[invited, not peer reviewed]

Örnek, M. & Özer, E. (March 26, 2015).

Use of 3-D Virtual Worlds in Landscape Grading Education.

In-person poster presentation.

2015 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference, in Manhattan, Kansas.

[blind peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (March 25, 2015).

Quantification of the Benefits of the Lincoln Road Streetscape Revitalization Project.

In-person research presentation.

2015 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture 2015 Annual Conference, Manhattan, Kansas.

[blind peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (May 23, 2014).

Green infrastructure of Edirne: Water.

In-person workshop presentation.

International Workshop on Evaluation of Historical Landscapes & Cultural Heritages. Edirne, Türkiye.

Invited workshop participant, presenter, and co-leader of the workshop's Green Infrastructure Team. May 20-24, 2014.

[invited and sponsored by the governor of the City of Edirne, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (March 25, 2014).

Site design and landform.

In-person lecture. National Garden Clubs: Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. Wingate Hotel, Miramar, Florida. [invited, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (June 26, 2013).

Digital modeling and fabrication in landscape architecture.

In-person research presentation.

7th Mimarlıkta Sayısal Tasarım Symposium. Istanbul, Türkiye.

[invited and sponsored by Istanbul Technical University Landscape Architecture Department, not peer reviewed]

- Özer, E.** (June 26–27, 2013).
Digital to analog: Design and fabrication of a green pavilion.
 In-person lecture and workshop.
 7th Mimarlıkta Sayısal Tasarım Symposium. Istanbul, Türkiye.
 [invited and sponsored by Istanbul Technical University Landscape Architecture Department, not peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (March 29, 2013).
Utilizing GIS resources for landscape architecture projects.
 In-person research presentation.
 GIS Day Conference. FIU Green Library, Miami, Florida.
 [invited by FIU GIS Center, not peer reviewed]
- Özer, E., & Thompson, D.** (March 23, 2013).
Connecting community to environment: Landscape planning to create connections.
 In-person community lecture.
 2013 Native Plant Day. Bill Sadowski Park, Miami, Florida.
 [invited by the Florida Native Plant Society Dade Chapter, not peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (April 12, 2012).
The Wolfsonian Collection as Source of Creative Inspiration.
 In-person research presentation, session chairperson, and lead discussant.
 The Wolfsonian Student Conference. Miami Beach, Florida.
 [invited by The Wolfsonian Museum, not peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (March 30, 2012).
City parks as integral urban infrastructures: Environmental sustainability through park design.
 In-person research presentation.
 2012 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Cabezas, C., & **Özer, E.** (March 30, 2012).
Movements in [semi]urban landscapes: A case study of Ludlam Trail in Miami, Florida.
 In-person research presentation.
 2012 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
 *Presentation with a 2nd year graduate (master's) student.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (April 1, 2011).
Sustainability in building design: An integrated approach to teaching in landscape architecture and architecture.
 In-person research presentation.
 2011 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (May 14, 2010).
Evaluating the integration of architectural and landscape architectural systems in the development of sustainable building systems.
 In-person research presentation.
 2010 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in Maastricht, The Netherlands.
 [blind peer reviewed]
- Özer, E.** (June 9, 2009).
Organic strategies for sustainable buildings and cities.
 In-person research presentation.
 International Symposium on Sustainable Development in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
 [blind peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (May 6, 2008).

A design paradigm for low/ medium density resort development in Cesme, Türkiye.

In-person research presentation.

International Colloquium on Tourism and Leisure, Chang-Mai, Thailand.

[blind peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (October 20, 2008).

Riverfront pocket park.

In-person research presentation.

Miami River Greenway Meeting, Miami, Florida.

[invited by the Miami River Commission's Urban Infill Working Group, not peer reviewed]

Özer, E. (March 6, 2008).

Coastal tourism & ecological/social sustainability.

In-person research presentation.

FIU School of Architecture Lecture Series, Miami, Florida.

[invited, not peer reviewed]

Invitations to Judge – external invitations

Invited Tenure and Promotion Reviewer. (August 11, 2025).

Reviewed the T&P dossier of a candidate from University of Georgia and submitted an evaluation.

Invited Juror. (May-June 2025). ASLA National 2025 Student Awards.

Was among 17 professionals invited to judge 500+ student entries submitted from around the world.

Reviewed and ranked work submitted in the Research and Scholarship Category, for Excellence in Research or Creative Works Awards and Outstanding Communications Award.

Invited Tenure and Promotion Reviewer. (July 15, 2023).

Reviewed the T&P dossier of a candidate from University of California and submitted an evaluation.

Invited Program Reviewer. (May 30, 2023-present).

1 of 2 external reviewers invited to evaluate the landscape architecture program at University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.

Invited Juror. (Jan 26, 2023). International CELA 2023 Faculty Awards.

Was among 4 professionals invited to judge faculty entries submitted from CELA member schools.

Reviewed and ranked work submitted in the Research and Scholarship Category, for Excellence in Research or Creative Works Awards and Outstanding Communications Award.

Invited Juror. (Fall 2022). Landscape Architecture Magazine (LAM) 2022 LAMMY Awards.

Reviewed and ranked all single and double spread landscape industry provider advertisements published in the magazine within the past 12 month, deliberated with other 3 jurors, sat at a panel discussion to elaborate on my ranking and findings, and provided constructive feedback to advertisers on how to improve their advertisements.

Invited Juror. (May 2-3, 2022). Spring 2022 final reviews for all landscape architecture design studio courses of University of Arkansas.

Invited to critique student work from 2nd year undergraduate design studio, *Collaborating with Site - Arkansas Agriculture Experiment Station*, taught by Professor Noah Billing; 4th year undergraduate design studio, *Social and Environmental Reconciliation in the Lower Rio Grande/ Rio Bravo*, taught by Professor Gabriel Diaz-Montemayor; 3rd year undergraduate design studio, *Collaborating with Communities- Ozark Highlands Nature Center*, taught by Professor Carl Smith; and 1st year undergraduate design studio, *Fundamental Design Methodology: Form, Space, and Place – Historic Pyeatte Moore Mill* taught by Professor Jim Coffman.

University of Arkansas, Fay Jones School of Architecture, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Invited Juror. (November 25, 2020). ARC 3374 Site Planning and Engineering, Fall 2020 final review, *Community Center and Recreation Area in Ft. Lauderdale*.

Invited to critique student work from 3rd year undergraduate architecture design studio, taught by Professor Wanda Katja Liebermann. Florida Atlantic University, School of Architecture.

Invited Juror. (May 4, 2020). LARC 60106 Landscape Architecture Design Studio 6 final review.

Invited to critique student work from 3rd year graduate design studio, taught by Professor Cathy Marshall of Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

Invited Juror. (April 8, 2019). LAA 3350 ARC 322 MLA Graduate Terminal Project final review. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Invited by UF department chair Tina Grucharri to critique the studio work of graduating MLA students, taught by multiple professors.

Invited Juror. (October 30, 2015). LAA 3350 ARCH 322 Site Design and Planning Studio review.

Invited to critique student work from 3rd year undergraduate design studio, taught by Professor Rob Holmes. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Invited Juror. (March 11, 2015). LA 7004 Graduate Landscape Design IV studio review.

Invited to critique student work from 2nd year graduate design studio, taught by Professor Elizabeth Mossop. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Invited Juror for the statewide 2014 FLASLA Annual Design Awards Competition. (June 6-7, 2014).

Was among 5 professionals who were invited to judge the landscape design project entries submitted from throughout the state of Florida. Participated in 2-day-long blind jury deliberations and voting.

Invited Juror. (March 17, 2012).

LaBash 2012 Student Charrette. Evaluated the works of competing student teams.

Invited Juror. (December 27, 2012). MIM 401 Mimari Tasarım studio review.

Invited to critique student work from 4th year undergraduate design studio, taught by Dean Candaş Bilsel and Dr. Ipek Durukan. Mersin University, Mersin, Türkiye.

Professional Honors, Prizes, Awards

ASLA Florida Professional Design Awards - Award of Excellence (May 2025).

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter.

1 of 1 award of excellence given in Open Space Category for the *Kendall Indian Hammock Forest Playground* a new nature-based playground project our firm LandscapeDE designed for the M-PROS (with Douglas Thompson). Award trophy given during 2025 ASLA Florida Annual Awards Gala in Kissimmee, Florida.

https://www.aslaflorida.org/25_professionals

[State level, blind juried]

Florida Native Plant Society Landscape Awards - Award of Honor (September 2024).

American Horticultural Society, Native Plant Society, Florida Chapter.

1 of 1 award given in Commercial and Institutional Landscaping Category for *The Upper Garden at Pinecrest Gardens* a garden project our firm LandscapeDE designed for the Village of Pinecrest (with Douglas Thompson).

<https://www.fnps.org/what-we-do/landscaping/Landscape-Award-Winners-2024>

[State level, juried]

ASLA Florida Professional Design Awards - Award of Honor (April 2024).

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter.

1 of 3 awards given in Institutional Category for *The Upper Garden at Pinecrest Gardens* a new family-oriented garden project our firm LandscapeDE designed for the Village of Pinecrest (with Douglas Thompson).

Award trophy given during 2024 ASLA Florida Annual Conference Awards Gala in Orlando, Florida.
<https://www.aslaflorida.org/Awards?emulatemode=2>
[State level, blind juried]

LAF 2024 Case Study Investigation Faculty Fellow. (2024).
Landscape Architecture Foundation. \$5,600.
[National level]

Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Teaching. (October 2023).
Florida International University Faculty Senate. 1 of 6 recipients.
A medal and \$5,000 prize given during 2023 Faculty Convocation, Miami, Florida.
[University level]

Elevation to ASLA Council of Fellows. (July 2023).
American Society of Landscape Architects.
Medal and certificate were presented during the ASLA Annual Conference in Minneapolis, on October 29.
<https://cartanews.fiu.edu/landscape/fiu-associate-professor-ebru-ozar-elevated-to-the-american-society-of-landscape-architects-council-of-fellows/>
<https://www.asla.org/land/LandArticle.aspx?id=63833>
<https://www.asla.org/ContentDetail.aspx?id=63776>
Since 1899, only 57 landscape architecture professionals from Florida have been named Fellows. Across the nation and the world, a total of 1,428 individuals have received this honor.
(<https://www.asla.org/ContentDetail.aspx?id=17382>).
[National/International level]

FIU Top Scholar Award. (April 2023).
Florida International University.
Recognition of teaching in Teaching Awards/Honors Category.
[University level]

Florida Native Plant Society Landscape Awards - Award of Excellence (March 2023).
American Horticultural Society, Native Plant Society, Florida Chapter.
1 of 1 award given in Residential Multi-family and Non-residential Category for *Camp Matecumbe Park Playground* a nature playground project our firm LandscapeDE designed for Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation (with Douglas Thompson).
<https://www.fnps.org/news/society-news/landscape-awards-winners-2023>
[State level, juried]

ASLA Community Service Award/Medal*. (November 2022).
American Society of Landscape Architects.
ASLA Honors represent the highest awards ASLA presents each year. 1 of 1 award given annually to an individual or an organization. This honor has been awarded to only 14 individuals in the nation, and abroad, since its inception in 2004, with only 7 awardees being academics.
Award trophy and certificate was given during the 2022 ASLA Annual Conference in San Francisco, California.
<https://www.asla.org/AwardRecipient.aspx?id=61542>
[National/International level]
*Nominees are not made aware of their nominations nor asked to participate in the preparation of their nomination materials.

ASLA Florida Professional Design Awards - Award of Honor (August 2022).
American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter.
1 of 1 award given in Open Space Category for *Camp Matecumbe Park Playground* a nature playground project our firm LandscapeDE designed for Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation (with Douglas Thompson).

Award trophy given during 2022 ASLA Florida Annual Conference Awards Gala in Panama City, Florida.
<https://www.aslaflorida.org/22designawardwin>
[State level, blind juried]

CELA Excellence in Teaching Award. (March 2022).
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.
1 of 1 award given annually (at the senior level) – there was also a junior level awardee.
Award certificate given during 2022 CELA Annual Conference in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico.
<https://cartanews.fiu.edu/landscape/school-of-architecture-professor-ebru-ozar-honored-with-international-teaching-award/>
[International level]

FIU Presidential Leadership Program. (2022 Cohort)
Florida International University
Selected by President Mark Rosenberg.
<https://president.fiu.edu/about/leadership-program/index.html>
[University level]

FIU Top Scholar Award. (July 2020).
Florida International University.
Recognition of teaching in Teaching Scholarship Category.
1 of 3 awards given in Teaching Scholarship Category.
<https://provost.fiu.edu/faculty-honors/top-scholars-2020.html>
[University level]

Public Space Challenge Winner. (2017).
The Miami Foundation.
1 of 21 winners out of 441 entries.
\$10,000 award for *South Miami Park Running Path and New Entry Gate*. A new architectural pedestrian entry gate and an asphalt running course around South Miami Park our firm LandscapeDE designed for the City of South Miami (with Douglas Thompson).
<https://miamifoundation.org/news/2017-public-space-challenge-winners-uncover-hidden-gems-create-experiences-connecting-residents-to-miami-community/>
[Local level]

Award of Recognition in Service. (August 2016).
American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter.
Award certificate given during 2016 ASLA Florida Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Florida.
[State level]

CARTA Teaching Excellence Award. (May 2016).
College of Communication, Architecture +The Arts, Florida International University.
1 of 2 recipients.
Award certificate and \$2,000 prize given during 2016 College Assembly Meeting, Wertheim Senate Chamber.
[College level]

APA Award of Excellence in Grassroots Initiative (December 2015).
American Planning Association Gold Coast Section
1 of 4 professional awards given.
Ludlam Trail, with Douglas Thompson, Victor Dover, Marie Chael, Tony Garcia, Frankie Ruiz, and Eric Katz.
Award certificate given during 2015 Planning Awards Ceremony, Miami Center for Architecture & Design.
<https://archinect.com/blog/article/143514823/fiu-wins-half-of-apa-florida-gold-coast-planning-awards>
[Regional level]

- Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Teaching. (September 2015).
Florida International University Faculty Senate. 1 of 6 recipients.
A medal and \$5,000 prize given during 2015 Faculty Convocation Banquet, Miami, Florida.
[University level]
- Award of Recognition in Service. (July 2015).
American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter.
Award certificate given during 2015 ASLA Florida Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.
[State level]
- Public Space Challenge Finalist. (2014).
The Miami Foundation. 1 of 45 finalists out of 410 entries.
SW 50th Street Pocket Park. Conceptual design proposal for a neighborhood park our firm LandscapeDE designed for the City of South Miami (with Douglas Thompson).
[Local level]
- LAF 2014 Case Study Investigation Faculty Fellow. (2014).
Landscape Architecture Foundation. \$6720.
[National level]
- Award of Recognition in Service. (July 2010).
American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter.
Award certificate given during 2010 ASLA Florida Annual Conference in Gainesville, Florida.
[State level]
- Award of Recognition in Service. (July 2009).
American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter.
Award certificate given during 2009 ASLA Florida Annual Conference, Ft. Myers, Florida.
[State level]
- Award of Recognition in Service. (August 2008).
American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter.
Award certificate given during 2008 ASLA Florida Annual Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.
[State level]
- Dean's Medal. (May 2007).
Louisiana State University, College of Art and Design.
1 of 1 award given annually in Graduate Student Category.
Medal given during LSU College of Art and Design Graduation Ceremony.
[College level]
- Graduate Student Teaching Award. (May 2007).
Louisiana State University, School of Landscape Architecture.
1 of 1 award given annually. Award certificate given during LSU ASLA Chapter Annual Banquet.
[School level]
- Excellence in Design Implementation & Technology Award. (May 2007).
Louisiana State University, School of Landscape Architecture.
1 of 1 award given annually.
Award certificate given during LSU ASLA Chapter Annual Banquet.
[School level]
- Excellence in Natural Systems Award. (May 2007).
Louisiana State University, School of Landscape Architecture.

1 of 1 award given annually.
Award certificate given during LSU ASLA Chapter Annual Banquet.
[School level]

Excellence in Studio Award. (May 2007).
Louisiana State University, School of Landscape Architecture.
1 of 1 award given annually.
Award certificate given during LSU ASLA Chapter Annual Banquet.
[School level]

Sigma Lambda Alpha National Honor Society Induction. (May 2007).
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Epsilon Chapter at LSU.
1 of 1 induction in Graduate Student Category.
[School level]

First Prize in Design Week'07 conducted by Julian Raxworthy. (Spring 2007).
Louisiana State University, School of Landscape Architecture.
1 of 1 award given. Award certificate and Amazon Gift Card.
[School level] *Team effort with 4 BLA students.

Helen A. Reich Memorial Scholarship. (May 2006).
Louisiana State University, School of Landscape Architecture.
Award certificate and \$500 scholarship given during LSU ASLA Chapter Annual Banquet.
[School level]

Merit Award and Scholarship 1996 through 2000.
Izmir Chamber of Commerce., Izmir, Türkiye.
Recognition of academic success.
[Local level]

Recognition of Student Work

Award of Excellence. (2024). *AquaCool Canals: Mitigating Heat Islands Through Innovative Landscapes* by K. Galaz, D. Herzog, K. Villar. Co-Instructor: Linda Chamorro.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida.
[Regional level]

Award of Honor. (2024). *Greening West Little River: From Heat to Harvest* by M. Chavez, S. Hernandez, R. Rosati
Co-Instructor: Linda Chamorro.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida.
[Regional level]

Award of Merit. (2024). *Canopy Color: A Placemaking Toolkit to Mitigate Heat* by M. Napoles.
Co-Instructor: Linda Chamorro.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida.
[Regional level]

Award of Merit. (2023). *Silhouscapes: South Florida Landscapes in Silhouette* by S. Stark.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida.
[Regional level]

Award of Merit. (2023). *Xaa-wan'-t'i Trail: Recreational Trail for Outdoor Curiosity, Community, and Connection* by A. Coke.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida.
[Regional level]

- LAF Daniel Zwier/Permaloc Innovation Scholarship. (2023). *Silbouscapes: South Florida Landscapes in Silhouette* by S. Stark. Independent study coursework selected for \$3000 award.
[National level]
- 55 Exemplary Projects. (2022). Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) Superstudio. *Flow: A Blue-Green New Deal for South Florida's Forgotten Waterways* by K. Chong & M. Wagshol. Selected from 670 entries submitted from 90 universities in 10 countries.
[International level]
- Game Changer Presenter. (2022). ASLA National Conference in San Francisco. *Silbouscapes: South Florida Landscapes in Silhouette* by S. Stark. Independent study work selected to be presented at an international conference.
[National/International level]
- Exhibition of Student Work. (April 10, 2022). *Flow: A Blue-Green New Deal for South Florida's Forgotten Waterways* by K. Chong & M. Wagshol exhibited in the National Building Museum, Washington DC. Selected from 670 entries submitted from 90 universities in 10 countries.
[International level]
- Honorable mention. (2021). Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF) National Design Competition for Coastal Virginia. *Coasting into Resilience, a Green New Infrastructure for Hampton's Buckroe Beach* by S. Bailey, S. Belfer, L. Bellon, E. Catala, C. Currais, J. Farray, R. Gilson, J. Gonzalez Del Pinal, R. Jimenez, E. Ramos, D. Roncek, S. Ventura. Faculty collaborator: John Stuart.
1 of 4 awards given.
[National level]
- Conference Presentation. (2022). *ASLA ACE Legacy Project: A conversation on career discovery in landscape architecture* presented by 1st year bachelor's student C. Deschamps at the 2022 ASLA Florida Annual Conference in Panama City, Florida.
[Regional level]
- Award of Honor. (2021). *Flow: A Blue-Green New Deal for South Florida's Forgotten Waterways* by K. Chong & M. Wagshol. Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 73 entries.
[Regional level]
- Award of Merit. (2021). *Spotlight Workshop Series: Virtual Modalities for Open-Source Landscape Architecture Education* by M. Stegaru, K. Parrales, G. Martin, B. Lora, A. Sandoval, A. Stratton, A. Lieberman, R. Colón, and D. Rodriguez. Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 73 entries.
[Regional level]
- Biennial Presentation. (2021). Abstract and poster accepted for presentation at the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF) 2021 Biennial. *Coasting into Resilience, a Green New Infrastructure for Hampton's Buckroe Beach* by S. Bailey, S. Belfer, L. Bellon, E. Catala, C. Currais, J. Farray, R. Gilson, J. Gonzalez Del Pinal, R. Jimenez, E. Ramos, D. Roncek, S. Ventura. Faculty collaborator: John Stuart.
[International level]
- 1st place. (2020). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 8th National Campus Rainworks Challenge, Master Plan Category. *Coastal Eco-Waters: Adapting for a Resilient Campus* by L. Bian, A. Carrazana, A. Dimand, A. Lozada, R. Nagaraj, A. Rojali, D. Ozecik, V. Verma & S. Zanje. Collaborating engineering faculty: Arturo Leon. Selected from 50 entries.
[National level]
- 1st Place. (2020). U.S. Department of Energy Solar District Cup National Collegiate Design Competition. *District Case: Ball State University* by A. Acosta, J. Marron, T. Suarez, J. Sanfiel, S. Rodriguez, A. Eizmendiz, R. Garcia, J. Pinero,

M. Molina, L. Bombino, K. Pabellon, E. Gomez Toledo, J. Sefair, B. Canet, J. Gonzalez, C. Henry, B. Alchalaby, C. Lee, M. Stegaru. Interdisciplinary faculty collaborators: Cheng-Xian Lin, Xia Jin, Andres Tremante, Wallied Orabi. Selected from 61 entries.
[National level]

Award of Honor. (2020). *Planting for Growth* by D. Rodriguez.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 58 entries.
[Regional level]

Award of Honor. (2020). *Coastal Eco Water* by L. Bian, A. Carrazana, A. Dimand, A. Lozada, R. Nagaraj, A. Rojali, D. Ozcik, V. Verma & S. Zanje. Collaborating engineering faculty: Arturo Leon.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 58 entries.
[Regional level]

TV Interview. (2020). *Voice of America* interview on national 1st place award winning *Coastal Eco-Waters: Adapting for a Resilient Campus* by L. Bian, A. Carrazana, A. Dimand, A. Lozada, R. Nagaraj, A. Rojali, D. Ozcik, V. Verma & S. Zanje. Collaborating engineering faculty: Arturo Leon.
**Voice of America* is the state-owned news network and international radio broadcaster of the United States of America. It is the largest and oldest U.S.-funded international broadcaster.
[Local level]

Finalist in 2019 Miami Public Space Challenge. (2019). *Light the Trail* by N.Lopez.
Local competition of The Miami Foundation, selected as a finalist from over 200 entries.
[Local level]

Award of Merit. (2019). *Movement and Dialogue through Materiality* by B. Alchalaby.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida. selected from 55 entries.
[Regional level]

Award of Merit. (2017). *Safe Harbour - Creating a Walkable Surfside* by A. Alvey.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 74 entries.
[Regional level]

Award of Honor. (2017). *From Urban to Forest* by S. Castillo.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 74 entries.
[Regional level]

Award of Merit. (2017). *Unifying Cultures: Integration and Inclusion Through Space* by A. Alcaide and A. Donohue.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 74 entries.
[Regional level]

Exhibition of work. (October 2, 2015 – January 31, 2016.). *Ludlam Trail 2020: From Grassroots to Treetops* Exhibition for *The Greenline District* by C. Garcia, *Rural Re-Integration* by J. Alvarez, *Stitching The Urban Trail* by C. Cabezas, *RetroScape: Reconstructing Communities* by P. Byrnes and G. Monserrat, *ComfortScapes: Climate Control Through Landscape* by D. Eloi and J. Rodriguez, *Experiential Landscapes* by A. Sandoval and A. Vargas-Love, *Missing Link* by P. Stracenski, *Functional Allusion* by S. Stanford, *The Connection* by A. Viala.
Coral Gables Museum, Coral Gables, Florida.
[Local level]

Exhibition of Student Work. (Sept. 7, 2019 – Apr1, 2020). *Reimagining The Commodore Trail*. Curated by Christine Rupp.
Featured my students' visionary work for the Commodore Trail. Dade Heritage Trust, Brickell Gallery.
[Local level]

- Award of Merit. (2016). *Activating Brickell: Reclaiming Green Space for the Community* by K. Chu-Metz.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 55 entries.
[Regional level]
- Award of Honor. (2016). *Rock the Trail* by A. Alvey.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 55 entries.
[Regional level]
- Award of Merit. (2016). *Remediating the Ludlam Trail* by K. Jarosz and A. Mane.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 55 entries. [Regional level]
- Honorable Mention. (2015). *Rethinking Miami Transport* by D. Cifelli and T. Garcia.
APA Gold Coast design competition, juried by a panel of architects, landscape architects and planners.
[Regional level]
- Award of Excellence. (2015). *Ludlam Trail Stormwater Management* by K. Jarosz & A. Maine.
APA Gold Coast design competition, juried by a panel of architects, landscape architects and planners.
[Regional level]
- Award of Merit. (2015). *SoMi Streetscapes: Sustainable Prototypes for Walkable South Miami* by M. Matson.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 63 entries.
[Regional level]
- Award of Merit. (2015). *Shade City: South Miami* by A. Alvey.
Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 63 entries. [Regional level]
- Exhibition of Student Work. (September 25–October 10, 2014). 8th Biennial Europea de Paisatge Exposición Internacional de Proyectos Universitarios en Escuelas de Arquitectura Y Paisaje. Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya and Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain. Student projects *Surface: Campus Green as Stormwater Treatment Laboratory* and *Interweaving Wet / Land* were selected for an international exhibit. FIU was 1 of only 8 U.S. institutions whose students' work was exhibited at the Biennial.
[International level]
- Award of Honor. (2014). *Interweaving Wet / Land* by G. Gonzalez, D. Justiniano, D. Menendez, S. Olarte, and A. Pereda (Landscape Architecture), M. Ospina (Environmental Studies), P. Davalos, N. Duque (Civil Engineering), K. Moore (Art + Art History). Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 58 entries.
[Regional level]
- Award of Merit. (2014). *Surface: Campus Green as Stormwater Treatment Laboratory* by V. Alvarado, L. Davis, A. Moran, M. Lopez, R. Holmes, K. Medina. (Landscape Architecture), W. Lang (Sustainability Studies), A. McEwan (Environmental Engineering), A. Zuniga (Civil Engineering). Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 58 entries.
[Regional level]
- Award of Merit. (2014). *Reciprocating Landscapes: Wet, Dry, and In Between* by G. Gonzalez, D. Justiniano, D. Menendez, S. Olarte, and A. Pereda (Landscape Architecture), M. Ospina (Environmental Studies), P. Davalos, N. Duque (Civil Engineering), K. Moore (Art + Art History). Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 58 entries.
[Regional level]
- Award of Merit. (2013). *Urban Thread* by Vanessa Alvarado.
Blind reviewed statewide competition of ASLA Florida, selected from 63 entries.
[Regional level]

- Best Poster Award. (2013). *Miami Beach Ecopatch: A Sustainable Approach to Connecting Plant Ecologies* by R. Holmes. FIU 2013 GIS Day Best Poster Competition, selected by the jurors from FIU GIS Center through peer-review process.
[Local level]
- Life Sciences South Florida Stem Research Symposium and Poster Exhibition. (2013). *Planted Mosaic* by D. Pitaluga, J. Lagreca, A. Drescher, and M. Menoya was chosen through a university-wide selection process as 1 of 9 projects FIU featured at a statewide symposium. I was the faculty advisor for the students in the development of their project. The project abstract was published in the symposium proceedings and the project poster was exhibited. Miami-Dade College North Campus, Miami, Florida.
[Local level]
- Tau Sigma Delta Bronze Medal. (2013). *Greenline District* by C. García. FIU School of Architecture Tau Sigma Delta Chapter's competitive award.
[Local level]
- Makemson Scholarship - \$ 1500 Award. (2013). *Miami Beach Ecopatch: A Sustainable Approach to Connecting Plant Ecologies* by R. Holmes.
[Local level]
- First Prize in FIU School of Architecture Spring 2013 DesignBuild Competition. (2013). *Planted Mosaic* by D. Pitaluga, J. Lagreca, A. Drescher, and M. Menoya was juried by an external panel of architects and selected from 30 team entries. External jurors included Cheryl Jacobs, executive director of the AIA Miami Chapter, Todd Tragash, owner of the S/T/A Architectural Group, Inc., Jack Brough, owner of the John Capen Brough Architecture, and Silvia Barisione, curator of The Wolfsonian.
[Local level]
- Exhibition of Student Work. *Gradients*. (January 23, 2013–February 3, 2013). *Planted Mosaic* by D. Pitaluga, J. Lagreca, A. Drescher, and M. Menoya. Miami Beach Urban Studios Gallery, Miami Beach, Florida.
[Local level]
- Exhibition of Student Work. (September 26, 2012 – October 11, 2012). 7th Biennial Europea de Paisatge Exposición Internacional de Proyectos Universitarios en Escuelas de Arquitectura Y Paisaje. College of Architects of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain. FIU was 1 of only 7 US institutions whose students' work was exhibited at the Biennial. Three of my studio students had award-winning projects that were accepted for this exhibit.
[International level]
- Award of Merit. (2012). *Mitigating MineScapes* by J. Álvarez. Blind juried statewide competition, selected from 91 entries.
[Reginal level]
- Conference Presentation. (2012). *Movements in [semi]urban landscapes: A case study of Ludlam Trail in Miami, Florida* by Cabezas, C., accepted for presentation at the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
[National level, blind peer reviewed]
- Conference Presentation. (2012). *Rural conservation: The sustainable hybrid between rural and urban communities* by Gewurtz, D. accepted for presentation at the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
[National level, blind peer reviewed]
- First Place Award and \$400 prize. (2012).
FIU Scholarly Forum. University-wide competition juried by a panel of FIU Faculty.
Graduate student C. Cabezas was awarded with a Certificate of Achievement for First Place in the Environment,

Energy, Earth, and Ecology Category of the forum for his project, *Stitching the Urban Trail: Perspectives Through Movement*, which was developed as part of my studio course.
[Local level, peer reviewed]

Conference Presentation. (April 12, 2012).

The Wolfsonian Student Conference. Graduate students S. Feccia and A. Vargas were invited to present their work at a conference that was held at The Wolfsonian museum in Miami Beach, Florida. Work presented was developed in my spring 2012 Computer Practices in Landscape Architecture 3 course.
[Local level]

EDSA Minority Scholarship - \$5,000 Award. (2012).

Landscape Architecture Foundation. Nationwide scholarship awarded annually to only 1 landscape architecture student in the United States. Graduate student J. Álvarez was awarded this competitive scholarship with a 500-word essay in which he elaborated on two projects he developed as part of my design studio courses. Additionally, his three work samples included in the application were also developed entirely in my studios.
[National level]

Award of Merit (2011). *Rural Re-integration* by J. Álvarez. Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida. selected from 68 entries.
[Regional level]

Award of Merit. (2011). *Stitching the Urban Trail: Perspectives Through Movement* by Christopher Cabezas. Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Florida. selected from 68 entries.
[Regional level]

Award of Honor. (May 2008). *The Freshening of Biscayne Bay* by V. Borges. Blind juried statewide competition of ASLA Miami Chapter. [Local level]

Makemson Scholarship - \$ 1500 Award. (2008). *Tourism and Coastal Ecology: A Sustainable Approach to Connecting Plant Ecologies* by K. Siegel.
[Local level]

Makemson Scholarship - \$ 1500 Award. (2008). *The Freshening of Biscayne Bay* by V. Borges.
[Local level]

Other Professional Activities and Public Service

Service to the Profession

Tenure and Promotion Dossier Reviewer. Summer 2025.
T&P review of a candidate from University of Georgia.
[National level, invited]

ASLA 2025 Student Design Awards Juror, Summer 2025.
American Society of Landscape Architects.
[National level, invited]

Vice President of Education, Executive Committee Member, and Member of the Board of Trustees, 2021–2024.
American Society of Landscape Architects.
[National/International level, elected]

Accrediting Team Chair, University of Connecticut, BLA Accreditation Visit, Spring 2024.
Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board.
[National level, invited]

Program Reviewer, Spring 2024.

Landscape architecture program evaluation for University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
[National level, invited]

Tenure and Promotion Dossier Reviewer. Fall 2023.

T&P review of a candidate from University of California.
[National level, invited]

Accrediting Team Member, University of Arkansas, BLA Accreditation Visit, Spring 2022.

Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board.
[National level]

LAAB Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE) Member, 2021–present.

Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board.
[National level]

Finance and Investments Committee Member, 2020–2021.

American Society of Landscape Architects. [National/International level]

Treasurer and Executive Committee Member, 2019–2021.

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture
[National/International level, elected]

Abstract Reviewer, 2015, 2016, 2020, 2021, 2022.

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture
[National/International level]

Budget and Finance Committee Chair, 2019–2021.

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture
[National/International level]

Conference Committee Member, 2019–2021.

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture
[National/International level]

Executive Committee Member, 2007–2010; 2015–2017; 2018–present.

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter
[Regional level]

ASLA ACE Mentor Legacy Project Chair, 2019–2022.

ACE Mentor Program of America, ASLA National, & ASLA Florida Chapter
[Regional level]

Miami Board of Director, ACE Mentor, 2019–2022.

ACE Mentor Program of America, Miami-Dade Chapter
[Regional level]

Leadership Committee Member, 2016–present.

Future Landscape Architects of America (FLAA)
[Regional level]

Education Committee Member, 2018– present.

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter
[Regional level]

Awards Committee Chair, 2014–2017.
American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter
[Regional level]

Annual Conference Advisory Committee Member, 2015–2017.
American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter
[Regional level]

Career Discovery Scholarship Committee Member, 2016–2018.
American Society of Landscape Architects Florida Chapter
[Regional level]

Service to the University, College, School, and Department:

Department Chair, Landscape Architecture + Environmental and Urban Design, 2023–present.

University Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Advisory Board Member, 2012–present.

University Sustainability Committee Member (appointed by the President), 2012–2020.

University Sabbatical Committee Member, 2015–2016.

University Internship Work Group Member, 2011–2012.

University Banner Marshall, FIU Faculty Convocation, 2008.

College Tenure and Promotion Committee Member, 2023–2024.

College Banner Marshall, FIU Summer Commencement, 2023.

College K-12 Education Task Force Member (appointed by the Dean), 2022–2023.

College Director of Strategic Planning and Initiatives (appointed by the Dean), 2021–2023.

College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force Member (appointed by the Dean), 2021–2024.

College Washington DC Liaison for Hamilton Scholars, Fly-Ins, and other DC related initiatives (appointed by the Dean), 2021–2023.

College Technology, Education, and Innovation Task Force Co-Chair (appointed by the Dean), 2021–2023.

College Awards Committee Member, 2016–2017, 2018–2024.

College Curriculum Committee Member, 2013–2016.

College Steering Committee Member, 2009–2016.

College Steering Committee Secretary, 2011–2013.

College Faculty Assembly Secretary, 2011–2013.

College Curriculum Committee's Ad-Hoc Environmental Context: Physics and Mathematics Undergraduate Core Subcommittee Member, 2009.

School of Architecture Faculty Search Committee Chair, Associate Professor of Interior Architecture, 2015–2016.

School of Architecture Faculty Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Architecture, 2011–2012.

School of Architecture Lectures and Exhibitions Committee Member, 2007–2011.

School of Architecture Ad-Hoc Committee Member for the preparation of a 'White Paper' entitled Study of Possibilities to Enhance Cross-Disciplinary Benefits within the School of Architecture, Spring 2012.

Department Faculty Search Committee Chair, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, 2018–2020.

Department Alpha Chi Chapter Faculty Advisor, Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture. 2012–2024.

Department ASLA FIU Student Chapter Faculty Advisor, 2007–2010; 2015–2017; 2018–present.

Department Awards and Best Works Coordinator, 2011–2016.

Department Libraries Representative, 2010–2011.

Department Accreditation Visit Preparation Team Member, Initial BLA Accreditation, 2009.

Department Accreditation Candidacy Visit Preparation Team Member, BLA Pre-accreditation Visit, 2009.

Service to the Community:

ACE Legacy Project Chair, Liberty City Elementary School, 2019-2022.

Volunteer Teacher, Miami Coral Park Senior High School, 2019-2022.

Steering Committee Member, Friends of the Ludlam Trail Community Organization, 2014–present.

Design Charrette Table Facilitator, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation Department' Resiliency Workshop and Design Charrette on sustainable park design, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, Sept 26, 2019.

Career Day Lecturer, Sunset Elementary School, Coral Gables, Florida, 2016, 2018.

Global Youth Service Day, Key Biscayne Crandon Park Beautification Day, April 18, 2015.

Design Charrette Participant, The Ludlam Trail District 6 Design Charrette, February 28, 2015.

Martin Luther King Day of Service, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park Beautification, January 17, 2015.

Design Charrette Participant, The Miami Design Charrette in Wynwood, December 8, 2014.

Design Charrette University Coordinator, The River of Grass Greenway Public Workshop, March 12–16, 2013.

Community Service Project Participant, Highland Oaks Elementary Campus Beautification Day, October 13, 2013.

Native Plant Day Lecturer, Florida Native Plant Society Dade Chapter, Bill Sadowski Park, March 23, 2013.

Career Discovery and Xeriscaping Lecturer, Frank C. Martin K-8 Center, Miami, Florida, March 13, 2008.

Design Charrette Participant, New Orleans School Yards, 2007.

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Landscape Architects, Professional Member.

International Federation of Landscape Architects, Member.

Society for Urban Ecology, Member.

Florida Native Plant Society, Member.

Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Member.

Sigma Lambda Alpha National Honor Society, Lifetime Member, Inducted 2007.