



LARC 1510: Basic Design

Project 4: Distilling Design

Instructor Browning

Fall 2023

Project Due Date: Friday, November 9th (100 points)

The purpose of this project is to explore how design principles are used by leaders in our field and to begin to understand the role of context in site design.

Step 1: Select a designer/firm in the field of landscape architecture that you are drawn to. Prepare a research presentation that analyzes the designer/firm and one of their projects. The presentation should include:

- a. Designer/Firm: Who are they and what are they about?
- b. Design context: What are the underlying conditions that may have influenced the concept? Consider environmental (hydrology, topography, geography, climate etc.), social and cultural circumstances
- c. Design elements (line, form, texture, and color) and principles (scale, repetition, unity, balance, contrast, emphasis etc.)
- d. Purpose: What were the goals of the designer(s) and how do they achieve them?

Step 2: Create a series of diagrams to analyze your selected design based on design elements and principles. Consider vegetation, hardscape, materials etc. How are they utilizing design elements to create repetition, balance, contrast etc.?

Step 3: Redraw the design in a way that reflects how they used design elements and principles and distills it into its simplest form.

Your final products will include

- Presentation on Designer
- Design Diagrams
- Distilled Design Board

Project Calendar:

1-Nov	Weds.	Intro. to Project 4	
3-Nov	Fri.	<i>Charlotte Field Trip: Leave at 8 am</i>	TG_A9 Due
		Week 12	
6-Nov	Mon.		
8-Nov	Weds.		
10-Nov	Fri.	Project 4 Pinup	Site Plans (11:15 - 12:05); Parents Weekend Begins

If you are struggling to find a practitioner that you are interested in, below is a list of landscape architects that may be worth checking out:

Andrea Cochran (ACLA)
 Andropogon Associates
 Garrett Eckbo
 George Hargreaves (Hargreaves Jones)
 Hideo Sasaki
 HGOR
 James Corner (James Corner Field Operations)
 Kathryn Gustafson (Gustafson Guthrie Nichols & Gustafson Porter & Bowman)
 Ken Smith (Ken Smith Workshop)
 Lawrence Halprin
 Martha Schwartz (Martha Schwartz Partners)
 Maura Rockcastle (Ten x Ten)
 Maya Lin (Maya Lin Studio)
 Mia Lehrer (Studio-MLA)
 Michael Van Valkenburgh (Michael Van Valkenburg Associates)
 Michel Desvigne (MDP Office)
 Mikyoung Kim (Mikyoung Kim Design)
 Laurie Olin (OLIN)
 Pamela Burton (Pamela Burton & Company)
 Peter Walker (PWP Landscape Architecture)
 Reed Hilderbrand
 Richard Haag
 Kate Orff (SCAPE)
 Chris Reed (Stoss Landscape Urbanism)
 SWA
 Kongjian Yu (Turenscape)
 Walter Hood (Hood Design Studio)
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