

Project 4: Distilling Design

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LARC 1520: Basic Design II

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Spring 2021

Project Due Date: Wednesday, March 31st (150 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:

1. Designer/Firm: Who are they and what are they about?
2. Design context: What are the underlying conditions that may have influenced the concept?
Consider environmental (hydrology, topography, geography, climate etc.), social and cultural circumstances
3. Design elements (line, form, texture, and color) and principles (scale, repetition, unity, balance, contrast, emphasis etc.)
4. 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:

		Week 10	
8-Mar	Mon.		
10-Mar	Weds.	Project 3 Presentations	
12-Mar	Fri.	Project 3 Presentations	
		Week 11	
15-Mar	Mon.	<i>Spring Break- no classes</i>	
17-Mar	Weds.	<i>Spring Break- no classes</i>	
19-Mar	Fri.	<i>Spring Break- no classes</i>	
		Week 12	
22-Mar	Mon.	Project 4 Introduction	Project introduction; Select & research designer
24-Mar	Weds.		Diagrams & Distilled Design Board
26-Mar	Fri.		
		Week 13	
29-Mar	Mon.		
31-Mar	Weds.	Project 4 presentations	
2-Apr	Fri.	Project 5 introduction	

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)

Carol Franklin (Andropogon Associates)

Garrett Eckbo

George Hargreaves (Hargreaves Jones)

Hideo Sasaki

James Corner (James Corner Field Operations)

Julie Moir Messervy (JMMDS)

Kathryn Gustafson (Gustafson Guthrie Nichols & Gustafson Porter & Bowman)

Ken Smith (Ken Smith Workshop)

Lawrence Halprin

Martha Schwartz (Martha Schwartz Partners)

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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Mar 31, 2021 at 1:30pm	Everyone	-	-