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Education

- 2008 **Harvard University Graduate School of Design**
Master in Design Studies, *Urbanization and Housing*
- 2004 **Auburn University College of Architecture, Design & Construction**
Master of Landscape Architecture
- 1994 **Auburn University College of Architecture, Design & Construction**
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

Academic Experience

- 2010 – present **Clemson University**, *Visiting Assistant Professor*
School of Planning, Development, Preservation and Landscape Architecture
Courses:
· LARCH 843 Interdisciplinary Design and Research (*Graduate Studio*)
· LARCH 503 Landscape Architecture Portfolio
· LARCH 853 Advanced Interdisciplinary Design and Research (*Graduate Studio*)
· LARCH 262 Design Implementation I
· LARCH 428 Landscape Architecture Computer Graphics
· LARCH 453 Key Issues in Landscape Architecture
· LARCH 491 Honors Research Methods for Landscape Architecture
· LARCH 252 Site Design Studio
· LARCH 263 Design Implementation II (*Graduate Section*)
· LARCH 451 Community Design Studio
- 2005 – 2007 **Auburn University**, *Assistant Professor*
Master of Landscape Architecture Program
Courses:
· LAND 7400 Environmental Fabric Studio
· LAND 6100 Materials and Structure Studio
· LAND 6101/7401 Field Studies
· LAND 6140 Landscape Construction I: Site Expression and Assembly
- 2004-2005 **Auburn University**, *Visiting Assistant Professor*
Master of Landscape Architecture Program
Courses:
· LAND 7400, 6100, 6101/7401, 6140
- 2003-2004 **Auburn University**, *Graduate Teaching Assistant*
Master of Landscape Architecture Program
Courses:
· LAND 6170 Design Communication
· LAND 4420 Readings in Landscape Architecture
- 1999-2001 **Auburn University Center for Architecture & Urban Studies**, *Adjunct Instructor*
Birmingham, AL

Studios & Research:

- Downtown Gadsden Open Space Study
- Chelsea Growth Framework Study
- Regional Open Space and Greenway Study, 12 county region
- Regional Topographical Analysis, Growth Framework Study, 12 county region
- Urban Parks and Industrial Reclamation Exhibition
- Birmingham Railroad Reservation Park, Birmingham, AL

Outreach:

- Small Town Design Initiatives:

This program provides design and planning assistance to neighborhoods and communities in the state. The work involves community based visioning meetings, an inventory of assets and opportunities, design and planning strategies for advancement that are physically and economically driven.

Professional Experience

2009 – present

Pearson Russell Design Associates (PRDA), Principal
Pendleton, SC

Works:

- **Lake Junaluska Master Plan**, Lake Junaluska, NC
- **Aiken Landfill / Northside Park**, Aiken, SC
- **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**, Auburn, AL
- **Donaldson Air Force Base Redevelopment Plan**, Greenville, SC

2008-2009

Kerns Landscape Architecture, Project Manager
Asheville, NC

Works:

- **Maxwell Air Force Base General Plan**, Montgomery, AL
Comprehensive planning and campus design for 4,029 acres focused on integrating public spaces, infrastructure and natural systems
- **Legacy Retirement Community**, Mills River, NC
New community organized along an ecological corridor

1999-2005

Kerns|Pearson Landscape Architects, Design Partner
Birmingham, AL

Works:

- **Birmingham City Center Master Plan**, Birmingham, AL
Design consultant with Urban Design Associates of Pittsburgh, PA
- **Open Space Master Plan**, Tuscaloosa Housing Authority, Tuscaloosa, AL
Master plan & open space design for 1700 public housing units
- **Baxter Town Center Streetscape**, Fort Mill, SC
Streetscape design for the new town of Baxter
- **Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark Master Plan**, Birmingham, AL
Site design and reclamation strategies for 32-acre interpretive park
- **Boy Scouts of America**, Greater Alabama Council, Birmingham, AL
Competition winner for new campus
- **Langdale River Park**, Town of Valley, AL
Site design for 8 acre park along the Chattahoochee River
- **Valley Riverfront Master Plan**, Town of Valley, AL
Conceptual master plan for 8 miles of riverfront and over 100 acres of open space

- 1997-1999 **Nimrod Long & Associates, Inc.**, *Project Manager*
Birmingham, AL
- 1995-1997 **LandDesign, Inc.**, *Associate Designer*
Charlotte, NC

Recognition, Honors and Awards

- 2005 Finalist (Top 4), Park Avenue Design Ideas Competition, Marco Island, FL
International competition organized by AIA Florida Southwest and the United Arts Council of Collier County. Jury Chair: Rob Wellington Quigley, FAIA, Architect.
- 2004 National American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Certificate of Honor
in the Study of Landscape Architecture
- 2004 Graduate Student Award, Auburn University
- 2002 Alabama ASLA Merit Award, Valley Riverfront Master Plan
- 1997 North Carolina ASLA Honor Award, Close Family Preservation Plan
- 1994 National ASLA Certificate of Merit in the Study of Landscape Architecture

Publications

- 2011 *Publication of Student Work: Nathan Newsome, Digital Portfolio*
Chen, Helen L., John C. Ittelson & Tracy Penny Light, 2011. *Documenting Learning with ePortfolios: A Guide for College Instructors.* New Jersey: Jossey-Bass.
- 2006 Dagg, Christian & David Pearson. "Terrain Vague and Urban Recovery: The Vacant Landscape of Birmingham, Alabama." *Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), West Regional Conference Proceedings.*
- 2006 Dagg, Christian & David Pearson. "Birmingham, Alabama and the Railroad Reservation: A Case Study of the Terrain Vague and Urban Recovery." *Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), Central Regional Conference Proceedings.*
- 2006 Pearson, David & Michael Robinson. "Decoding New Orleans: Topographic Transformations of a Riparian City." *Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, International Conference Proceedings.*
- 2006 *Publication of Professional Work*
White, Marjorie & Heather McArn, 2006. *The Olmsted Vision: Parks for Birmingham.* Birmingham: Birmingham Historical Society.

Lectures / Paper Presentations

- 2011 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture National Conference
"Retrofitting the Region: A Bioregional Framework for Post Suburban Reclamation"
- 2006 Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Conference

	<i>"Site Specific: The Role of History in the Contemporary Landscape of Sloss Furnaces"</i>
2006	Universidade Lusíada, Lisbon, Portugal <i>"Decoding New Orleans"</i>
2006	Universidade Lusíada, Lisbon, Portugal <i>"Landscape and Landscape Architecture"</i>
2005	Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture National Conference <i>"Topographies of a Riparian City: Transformed Sites, Systems and Ecologies"</i>
2005	Auburn University, School of Architecture, Faculty Colloquia <i>"Performance Landscapes"</i>
1994	Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture National Conference <i>"Technological Artifacts: Extinct Objects Suggesting a New Aesthetic For The Cultural Landscape"</i>

Grants

2011	\$83,000, Project Green, Co-Principal Investigator (30%) Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU ICAR)
2010	\$43,000, Charleston Vertical Farm Feasibility Study, Cooperating Investigator (8%) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
2006	Testing Grounds: A Landscape Installation, Fort McClellan, Alabama \$19,650, College of Architecture, Design & Construction Seed Grant
2006	Lewisburg Coke Owen Park Schematic Design, Fultondale, AL \$1,000, Work sponsored by CAWACO RC & D Council and the Five Mile Creek Partnership through a grant from the Kodak Conservation Fund.
2005	The Hale County Collaborative Housing Charrette, Greensboro, Alabama \$5,000, Funded by Fannie Mae for the coordination of a design charrette and subsequent master plan focused on a low-income housing development.

Outreach / Activities

2011	Guest Design Critic, The Design School, Arizona State University <i>Studio Faculty: Gabriel Díaz-Montemayor and Kenneth Brooks</i>
2009-2010	Asheville Design Center Advisory Council
2009-2010	Burton Street Neighborhood Task Force, Co-chair, Asheville Design Center
2006	Abbeville Charrette, Abbeville, Alabama. <i>Auburn University Center for Architecture and Urban Studies.</i>
2006	New Orleans Housing Charrette <i>Participated in charrette with Interior Architecture students. Sponsored by Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects, Atlanta, GA.</i>
2006	The Environmental Fabric Studio: Reclaiming Ft. McClellan. <i>A sponsored studio by the Ft. McClellan Joint Powers Authority.</i>

- 2006 The Hale County Collaborative Design Charrette, Greensboro, Alabama.
Organized and coordinated 2-day charrette for low-income housing development in Hale County, Alabama. The work from the charrette was used to secure project funding.
- 2006 Guest Design Critic, Rural Studio Thesis Reviews
- 2005 Guest Design Critic, LSU School of Landscape Architecture
- 2005 Sheffield Charrette, Sheffield, Alabama.
A four-day design charrette sponsored by the North Alabama Council of Local Government.
- 2005 Alagasco 4th Year Student Architecture Competition, Juror
Auburn University School of Architecture
- 2004 Village Creek Flood Mitigation Charrette, Birmingham, Alabama
Auburn University Center for Architecture and Urban Studies.
- 2001-2002 Friends of the Railroad District, Founding Board Member
- 2000-2003 Your Town Alabama, Designing Our Future, *Workshop Facilitator*
- 1994 International Boulevard Design Charrette, Martha Schwartz Design Team
Pre-Olympic Design Initiative, Atlanta, Georgia

University Service

- 2011 Clemson Landscape Architecture Program E-Newsletter design & template
- 2010 Curriculum research & presentation for 4-year landscape architecture programs
- 2006-2007 Auburn University Campus Master Plan Signage Committee,
- 2005-2007 School of Architecture Facilities Committee
- 2006-2007 School of Architecture Professional Technology Committee

Exhibitions

- 2006 *Reclaiming McClellan: MLA II Environmental Fabric Studio: Fort McClellan, AL*
- 2005 *Performance Surface, Art League of Marco Island, Marco Island, FL*
- 2005 *Recent Work, Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, Auburn University, AL*