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## EDUCATION

University of Georgia, Master of Landscape Architecture, July 2010 Athens, GA  
California State Polytechnic University, June 2006 - June 2007 Pomona, CA  
Wellesley College, Bachelor of Arts, May 2004 Wellesley, MA  
James Cook University, Feb. - June 2003 Cairns, Australia  
Universidad de Córdoba, Sept. - Dec. 2002 Córdoba, Spain  
Marista Dom Silverio, July 1999 - Jan. 2000 Belo Horizonte, Brazil

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois, Aug. 2015 - present Champaign-Urbana, IL  
*Lecturer.* Instruct in the Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism (RST). Instructor of Record for RST 100: Society and Leisure, RST 110: Leisure Service Delivery, RST 200: Leadership in RST, RST325: Leisure Services Marketing, RST340: Facility Management in RST, RST341: Community Recreation Planning; RST410: Administration of Leisure Services, RST 501: Concepts and Applications in RST, RST 502: Critical Issues in Recreation, and RST 593 Special Issues. Landscape Designer for the Office of Recreation and Park Resources. Nominated for Teacher Ranked as Excellent: RST200 and RST340.

Virginia Tech, June 2012 - Aug. 2015 Blacksburg, VA  
*Project Associate.* Managed the projects of Virginia Tech's College of Architecture and Urban Studies' outreach program, the Community Design Assistance Center. Oversaw student teams in research, community engagement, and interdisciplinary design that promotes healthy living in communities within Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina (i.e. park and open space planning, greenways, trails, recreational areas, sports complexes, community branding, eco-tourism development, and interpretive signage). Investigated and selected projects, developed proposals and budgets, planned and conducted community workshops, reviewed student conceptual designs, assisted with final report preparation, developed partnerships, applied for grants, and created marketing materials. Conducted scenic river studies with the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Children & Nature Network, Aug. - Dec. 2012 Blacksburg, VA  
*Senior Project Coordinator.* Developed Appalachian Trail Millennial Youth Led Expeditions (AT MYLE) initiative for the Natural Leaders Network. Organized a relay thru-hike for youth, families, and communities. Designed logo and marketing materials, created project budget, represented project at large events, developed partnerships, assisted with website development, and coordinated with governmental agencies, organizations, local communities and volunteer trail clubs.

Yale University, May - Nov. 2011 New Haven, CT  
*Urban Forester.* Led community groups in developing greenspaces on vacant lots and beautifying streetscapes through Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies' Urban Resources Initiative. Supervised teams of ex-offenders in street tree plantings as part of a re-entry program. Aided in design development, material acquisition, and project construction.

Site Systems, Inc., Oct. 2010 - May 2011 Trumbull, CT  
*Landscape Designer.* Provided design development, construction estimates and document production, permit acquisition, client budget and invoicing, graphic design, and marketing. Managed and implemented summer flower installations.

University of Georgia, Aug. 2009 - May 2010 Athens, GA  
*Garden Intern.* Maintained Founder's Memorial Garden and designed areas for renovation. Taught undergraduate horticulture students as part of the University's educational outreach.

**Equinox Environmental, June 2007 - July 2008****Asheville, NC**

*Landscape Designer.* Assisted with conceptual design development, construction document production, planting plans, construction oversight, and community outreach. Provided natural resource inventories and monitoring on conservation easements for land trusts in the Southern Appalachians. Designed marketing materials and assembled project bid proposals.

**Suzanne Arca Design, June 2005 - May 2006****Albany, CA**

*Field Assistant.* Performed site assessments for landscapes receiving recycled water from East Bay Municipal Utility District. Installed designs and maintained gardens. Directed the preparation and management of a UC Berkeley Extension plant identification class.

**Flowerland Nursery, July 2004 - Aug. 2005****Albany, CA**

*Manager.* Oversaw employees. Managed and ordered stock. Advised customers on plants and their care.

**Wellesley College Greenhouse, Sept. 2000 - May 2004****Wellesley, MA**

*Greenhouse Assistant.* Maintained arboretum and cared for plants. Researched and labeled unmarked specimens.

**Center for Work and Service, Sept. 2000 - March 2004****Wellesley, MA**

*Community Service Coordinator.* Aided volunteers in finding and developing service programs. Wrote bi-weekly newsletter. Coordinated Daffodil Days with the American Cancer Society. Evaluated volunteer programs' strengths and directions.

**TRAININGS****CITL Junior Faculty Seminar Series, University of Illinois, Sept. 2015 - March 2016****Champaign-Urbana, IL**

Participated in seven seminars at the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning at the University of Illinois designed for junior faculty to learn about strategies and best practices for improving student learning.

**CHAD Research and Faculty Development Academy, University of Illinois, Sept. - Dec. 2015****Champaign-Urbana, IL**

Participated in two seminars at the Center for Health, Aging, and Disability designed to assist faculty in strategically pursuing research and funding.

**Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute, Sept. 2013 - June 2014****Statewide, VA**

*Beals Scholarship Recipient.* Participated in six three-day sessions focusing on conflict resolution and collaborative problem-solving skills related to key environmental issues in the state of Virginia.

**Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills, Feb. 2014****Wytheville, VA**

Participated in a five-lesson training series designed to teach citizens to effectively and efficiently lead community groups.

**HONORS, GRANTS & AWARDS**

Individual:

**Beals Scholarship**, George Beals Conservation Endowment Fund, 2013

**Neel Reid Memorial Graduate Scholarship**, University of Georgia, 2009

**CEDAA Graduate Fellowship**, University of Georgia, 2008 (offered to 1 incoming MLA student)

**Sigma Lambda Alpha**, California State Polytechnic University, 2007

**Chapman Forestry Foundation Scholarship**, California State Polytechnic University, 2007

**Marjory Stoneman Douglas Prize for Environmental Activism**, Wellesley College, 2004

**Lumpkin Family Internship for the Environment**, Wellesley College, 2002

**Service Opportunity Stipend**, Wellesley College, 2001

**First Year Academic Distinction**, Wellesley College, 2000

Team:

**Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence**, Virginia Tech, 2015

**Brownsfields Grant**, Environmental Protection Agency, \$400,000, 2015

**Gold Leaf Award**, International Society of Arboriculture, 2014

**Forest Competitive Grant**, USDA Forest Service, \$89,500, 2014

**Urban and Community Forestry Grant**, VA Dept. of Forestry, \$26,000, 2014

**Urban and Community Forestry Grant**, VA Dept. of Forestry, \$27,466, 2013

## PUBLICATIONS

Browning, L. & Lee, S. (2011). *Pregnancy and Place: Creating Therapeutic Gardens for Maternity Care Patients*. Journal of Therapeutic Horticulture, Vol. 21, No. 2

## NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Hall, R., Scheunemann, J., Browning, L., Gu, Y., Rostam-Abadi, F., Schiller, K. & Wang, J. (April 2016). *The City of Jacksonville's Bark Park*. Office of Recreation and Park Resources, 66 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Eliason, A., & Gresham, C. (July 2015). *Morganton, NC: Trail and Natural Resource Enhancement Stewardship Plan*. Community Design Assistance Center, 84 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Eliason, A., & Gresham, C. (July 2015). *Morganton, NC: Building a Healthier Community through Open Spaces, Greenways, and Natural Resource Enhancement*. Community Design Assistance Center, 86 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Moskaluk, L., & Serge, W. (July 2015). *Norfolk: Community Gateway and Neighborhood Beautification*. Community Design Assistance Center, 81 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Moskaluk, L., & Serge, W. (July 2015). *Norfolk: Community Gateway and Neighborhood Beautification Stewardship Plan*. Community Design Assistance Center, 86 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Hill, M., Jessup, J., & Rosenberger, J. (June 2015). *Jonesborough Municipal Garage Complex Site Master Plan*. Community Design Assistance Center, 47 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Hill, M., Jessup, J., & Rosenberger, J. (June 2015). *Jonesborough, TN: North Lincoln Avenue Community Park Conceptual Design*. Community Design Assistance Center, 80 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Burg, G., Rosenberger, J., Alsaiani, H., & Kyunghee, K. (June 2015). *City of Radford Comprehensive Plan Updates: Central Village and Foundry Industrial Area Conceptual Master Plans*. Community Design Assistance Center, 51 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Burg, G., Behazad Behabahani A., VanNoy, J., Alsaiani, H., Eliason, A., Gresham, C. (June 2015). *Stecoah Valley Center Conceptual Site Master Plan*. Community Design Assistance Center, 55 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Burg, G., Behazad Behabahani A., VanNoy, J., Eliason, A., Gresham, C. (June 2015). *Stecoah Valley Center Conceptual Site Master Plan Stewardship Plan*. Community Design Assistance Center, 55 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Villegas, P., & Wells, A. (June 2015). *West Jefferson, NC: Streetscape Revitalization Conceptual Designs*. Community Design Assistance Center, 89 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J. (January 2015). *Community Design Assistance Center Stewardship Plan Template*. Community Design Assistance Center, 119 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J. (January 2015). *Greendale Elementary School Outdoor Classroom & Educational Trail Stewardship Plan*. Community Design Assistance Center, 96 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Browning, M., Jessup, J. (October 2014). *Entryway Designs and Trail Recommendations for Waynesboro's Sunset Park*. Community Design Assistance Center, 62 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Browning, M., Shealy, K., & Crump, L. (July 2014). *Clinch Scenic River Report: Towns of Richlands and Cedar Bluff and Tazewell County*. VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, 41 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J., & Walker, H. (2014). *Clinch River Access Point Design Guidelines*. Community Design

Assistance Center, 71 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Korkuti, A., Jessup, J., Walker, H., & Wan, M. (2014). *Cleveland Riverwalk Conceptual Design*. Community Design Assistance Center, 91 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J., & Crump, L. (September 2014). *Dan Scenic River Report: Halifax & Pittsylvania Counties*. VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, 36 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J., and Wu, S. (June 2014). *Abingdon Greendale Elementary School Outdoor Classroom and Educational Loop Trail*. Community Design Assistance Center, 141 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J., Dunne, P., and Walker, H. (March 2014). *Devil John Wright Trail Linkage & Enhancement Master Plan*. Community Design Assistance Center, 126 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J., Pieri, G., and Walker, H. (March 2014). *Elkhorn City Trail Town Master Plan*. Community Design Assistance Center, 183 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Rodgers, R., Oesmann, K., and Rosenfelder, S. (March 2014). *Elkhorn City Visitor Center & Community Center Conceptual Designs*. Community Design Assistance Center, 175 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J., Paul, L., and Pieri, G. (March 2014). *Mill View Estates Park Conceptual Design*. Community Design Assistance Center, 58 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J., and Wells, A. (March 2014). *Wayland Senior Center Site Master Plan*. Community Design Assistance Center, 48 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J., Walker, H., and Wan, M. (January 2014). *Cleveland Elementary School Site Redesign + Cleveland Ball Park Redesign + Riverwalk Conceptual Design*. Community Design Assistance Center, 91 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Jessup, J., and Walker, H. (January 2014). *Clinch River Access Points Design Guidelines*. Community Design Assistance Center, 71 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Browning, M., & Crump, L. (January 2014). *Tye Scenic River Report: Nelson County*. VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, 41 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Browning, M., Dunn, M., and Walker, H. (January 2014). *Waynesboro Ridgeview Park, Greenway, and Trailhead Conceptual Design*. Community Design Assistance Center, 133 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Shealy, K., & Crump, L. (November 2013). *Cranesnest Scenic River Report: Dickenson County*. VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, 33 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Houck, C., Shealy, K., and Smith, J. (November 2013). *Luray Greenway Extension & Waterfront Pocket Park*. Community Design Assistance Center, 54 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Davis, B., and Walker, H. (October 2013). *Hazard Conceptual Design: Coal Miners Memorial, Pathfinders Greenway, and Various Parks*. Community Design Assistance Center, 83 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Dunn, M., Jessup, J., & Malobicky, A. (October 2013). *Richlands' Clinch River Pedestrian Walkway Extension Conceptual Design*. Community Design Assistance Center, 107 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., and Walker, H. (October 2013). *Paintsville Main Street Planting and Parking Lot Design*. Community Design Assistance Center, 33 pp.

Gilboy, E., Korkuti, A., Browning, L., Im, J., Rollins, M., Smith, L., Young, C., and Walker, H. (August 2013). *Patrick*

*Robert Sydnor Civil War Era Historic Site + Log Cabin.* Community Design Assistance Center, 54 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Burg, G., Cooper, K., Davis, B., Dunne, P., and Proctor, N. (June 2013). *Wise County Nature and Fitness Trail.* Community Design Assistance Center, 80 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Denney, N., and Mascola, G. (May 2013). *Woodstock Gateway Enhancements Conceptual Design.* Community Design Assistance Center, 318 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Davis, B., and Walker, H. (December 2012). *Annville Institute/ Jackson County Ministries Campus and Campground Conceptual Master Plan.* Community Design Assistance Center, 44 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Davis, B., and Walker, H. (December 2012). *Wayland, Kentucky Community Park.* Community Design Assistance Center, 51 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Burg, G., and Walker, H. (November 2012). *Deep Run Bike and Pedestrian Trail.* Community Design Assistance Center, 47 pp.

Gilboy, E., Browning, L., Schellhammer, C., & Crump, L. (December 2012). *Banister Scenic River Report: Town of Halifax and Counties of Halifax and Pittsylvania.* VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, 58 pp.

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

**Yale Sustainable Food Project Seed to Salad Program, March - May 2012** New Haven, CT  
Taught second graders about food production at Yale University's Farm through hands-on experiential learning.

**Sierra Club's Inner City Outings Program, Sept. 2010 - May 2012** New Haven, CT  
Led monthly trips for inner-city youth, aged 6-16, to experience the outdoors.

**Finca la Bella, July 2009** Monte Verde, Costa Rica  
Worked with organic farmers to increase eco-tourism on their lands. Created new resources such as pamphlets, maps, and landscape designs to increase tourism through improved way-finding, inexpensive publicity, and cost-effective site improvements.

**Trail of Tears, May 2009** Cherokee, NC to Tahlequah, OK  
Studied the Cherokee people's contemporary and historic uses of native plants along the Trail. Redesigned the historical interpretive village for the Cherokee Heritage Center, Tahlequah, OK.

**Town of Wellesley, MA, Sept. 2003 - May 2004** Wellesley, MA  
Initiated and developed a composting program for the Town of Wellesley.

**The Organization for Tropical Studies, June - Aug. 2002** Palo Verde, Costa Rica  
*Lumpkin Family Internship for the Environment Recipient.* Worked with professor Claudia Charpentier at Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica to develop environmental education programming targeted at local farming communities. Conducted research on farming practices and resulting consequences on community health and agriculture.

**Bays Mountain State Park, Aug. 2001** Kingsport, TN  
Performed reptile presentations for visitors and school groups. Wrote environmental education curricula and a Volunteer Information Guide providing background information on reptiles and amphibians.

**Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, May - July 2001** Edinburgh, Scotland  
*Service Opportunity Stipend Recipient.* Assisted in wildlife rehabilitation and performed animal releases.

## SKILLS

Charrette Facilitation • Adobe Creative Suite • ArcGIS • AutoCAD • Google Sketchup  
MS Office Certified • Proficient in Written and Spoken Spanish • Graphic Design