

## Curriculum Vitae

### I. Name and Address

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### II. Formal College and University Education

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1985	<b>B.A.</b> Interdisciplinary Studies	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
1991	<b>M.L.A.</b> Landscape Architecture	North Carolina State University
1996	<b>M.S.</b> Geography	Pennsylvania State University
2000	<b>Ph.D.</b> Geography	Pennsylvania State University

### III. Positions Held

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#### PROFESSIONAL:

1991-1993 **Landscape Architect**, Paton/Zucchini & Associates, Landscape Architecture and Land Planning, Raleigh, NC

1993-1994 **Research Associate/Landscape Architect**, Institute for Community and Area Development, University of Georgia

#### ACADEMIC:

1998-1999 **Instructor**, Department of Geography, Pennsylvania State University

1999-2000 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Landscape Architecture, Pennsylvania State University

2000-2003 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Landscape Architecture, Pennsylvania State University  
Affiliate appointment in the Department of Geography

2003-2009 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2009- **Associate Professor**, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Wisconsin-Madison

#### Affiliations:

Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies  
Department of Geography  
Department of Family Medicine  
Department of Urban and Regional Planning  
Center for Global Health  
Children, Youth and Environment (University of Colorado – Boulder)

#### **IV. Honors, Grants, and Awards (since Ph.D.)**

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##### HONORS/AWARDS:

- 2001        **Public Scholarship Associate**, Pennsylvania State University, Office of Undergraduate Education, recognition for integrating research, teaching, and public service
- 2002        **Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching**, College of Arts and Architecture, Pennsylvania State University
- 2008        **Public Service Award**, American Society of Landscape Architects, Wisconsin Chapter
- 2008        **Fellow**, UW-Madison Teaching Academy
- 2008        **Partnership Award**, Public Health of Madison and Dane County
- 2012        **Badger Bioneer**, Sustain Dane

##### RESEARCH GRANTS:

- 2000 - 2001    Community Design for Social Change: Assessing Community Development/Design Projects in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State University, College of Arts and Architecture Research Grant Competition (PI)
- 2003        Developing a Neighborhood Indicators GIS for South Allison Hill, Harrisburg, PA. Community Action Commission of the Capital Region (PI)
- 2003 - 2004    Understanding Youth Participation in the Derry Street “KidSpace” Project – The SHOC (Students Helping Our Community) Program, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Graduate School Start-Up Funds (PI)
- 2003 - 2004    Understanding Youth Participation in the “YouthRAP” Project – Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, Lame Deer, MT. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Graduate School Start-Up Funds (PI)
- 2004 - 2006    Understanding Youth Participation in Community Planning and Environmental Stewardship, University of Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station, Hatch project number WIS4915 (PI)
- 2006 - 2007    Youth Mapping for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, collaborator (PI: John Frey, MD, Department of Family Medicine)
- 2006 - 2011    Healthy Children, Strong Families and Supportive Communities Intervention, National Institutes of Health, U01 HL087381-01, Co-investigator (1 of 3), PI: Alexandra Adams, MD, PhD, Department of Family Medicine)
- 2008 - 2009    Community and Family Influences on Healthy Eating in Rural American Indian Communities, University of Wisconsin Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR), Co-investigator (1 of 2), PI: Tara LaRowe, PhD, Department of Family Medicine
- 2009 - 2010    Evaluating Participatory Photo Mapping for Improved Community Health Promotion, University of Wisconsin Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR), Co-

investigator (1 of 2 Co-I), PI: Jonathan Patz, MD, MPH, Department of Population Health Sciences)

- 2010 – 2012 Effects of environmental opportunities and barriers on physical activity, fitness, and health in Hispanic children in Wisconsin. University of Wisconsin - Medical Education and Research Committee (MERC), Co-investigator (1 of 8), (PI: Aaron Carrel, MD and David Allen, MD).
- 2013-2015 Morgridge Match Grant. UW Morgridge Center for Public Service. (PI)
- 2013-2016 Implementing “Healthy Activities Partnership Program for Youth” (HAPPY 2), Wisconsin Partnership Program – Community-Academic Partnership implementation grant. (PI)
- 2013-2016 Growing Farm to School, Wisconsin Partnership Program – Community-Academic Partnership implementation grant. (Co-investigator)

**OTHER GRANTS:**

- 2001 - 2002 Community Mapping and Participatory GIS in South Allison Hill, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State University, Office of Undergraduate Education
- 2001 Honors Course Development Grant: LA 453/497H “Community Assessment, Planning and Design,” Fund for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Pennsylvania State University, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching
- 2001 “Structures for Inclusion 2, Good Deeds/Good Design” (a design conference and exhibition), Pennsylvania State University, College of Arts and Architecture Interdisciplinary Grant, co-organizer
- 2002 – 2003 Design-Build Institute of America, Student Chapter Community Service Project, Bowers Program for Excellence in Design and Construction of the Built Environment, collaborator
- 2004 – 2005 Learning Landscape at the Early Childhood Learning Center, Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Chief Dull Knife College (from USDA grant), for design consultation
- 2004 – 2006 Assessing the community level outcomes of community-based senior thesis projects in the UW-Madison Department of Landscape Architecture, 2002-2005. Morgridge Center for Public Service, University of Wisconsin-Madison, co-investigator
- 2010 – Earth Partnership for Schools RESTORE (Restoration-Education, Science Training and Outreach for Regional Educators) Initiative, UW-Arboretum, collaborator

**V. Positions held (other)**

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Registered Landscape Architect (RLA), State of North Carolina, license number 822 (1993-2010)  
Full Member, American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)  
Member, ASLA Urban Design Professional Network  
Member, Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA)  
Member, EDRA - Children, Youth and Environment Network  
Member, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA)

Member, Association of American Geographers  
Member, American Planning Association  
Manuscript reviewer: *Preventive Medicine*  
*Children Youth and Environment*  
*Health and Place*  
*Landscape Journal*  
*Urban Studies*  
*British Medical Journal*

## **VI. Bibliography (selected):**

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### Book Chapters

- Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2003) Creating “Curriculum of Consequence”: The Harrisburg Collaborative Studio. In Lakshman Yapa and Jeremy Cohen (eds) *A Blueprint for Public Scholarship*. University Park, PA: The Pennsylvania State University, Office of Undergraduate Education, pp. 37-40.
- Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2012) The Driftless Area in Wisconsin, in Anna Andrzejewski (ed) *Guide to Wisconsin’s Vernacular Landscapes*. Vernacular Architecture Forum.

### Articles (peer reviewed)

- Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2004) Claiming Open Space: Youth Identity and the Challenge of Meaningful Participation. *Proceedings, Open Space: People Space – an international Conference on Inclusive Outdoor Environments*. Edinburgh, Scotland: Open Space Research Centre, Edinburgh College of Art.
- Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2006) Prospects for Qualitative GIS at the Intersection of Youth Development and Participatory Urban Planning. *Environment and Planning A*, v. 38 (11), pp. 2039-2054.
- Dennis, Jr., Samuel F., Suzanne Gaulocher, Richard Carpiano, & David Brown. (2009) Participatory photo mapping (PPM): Exploring an integrated method for health and place research with young people, *Health and Place*. Jun; 15(2):466-73.
- Buckingham, William R, and Samuel F Dennis Jr. (2009) Cartographies of Participation: How the Changing Natures of Cartography Has Opened Community and Cartographer Collaboration. *Cartographic Perspectives*, 64, Fall, pp. 55 – 61.

### Reviews and design criticism (invited, editor review)

- Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2000) Gendered Landscapes: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Past Place and Space (conference review essay). *Landscape Journal*, Vol. 19, No. 1, pp. 97-99.
- Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2005) Book review of *GIS in the Classroom: Using Geographic Information Systems in Social Studies and Environmental Science*, by Marsha Alibrandi. *Transactions in GIS*, 9 (2): 265-268.

Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2005) Book review of *Doing Research with Children and Young People*. *Children, Youth and Environments*, 15(1), 4 pages [invited as part of review forum that included four reviews plus author response.]

Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2006) Nearby Nature: The Pritzker Family Children's Zoo Introduces Native Species to (Sub)Urban Kids. *Landscape Architecture*, v. 96 (11), pp. 30 – 41.

Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2008) Where it's Safe to Get Dirty. [Review of the Children's Garden at Morton Arboretum] *Landscape Architecture*, v. 98 (1), pp. 26 – 37.

### Reports

Dennis, Jr., Samuel F. (2003) *Planning for Change: South Allison Hill Neighborhood Indicators*. Report prepared for and distributed by the Community Action Commission of the Capital Region, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. 45pp.

### Invited Lectures

2004 "Young People Shaping Public Spaces: Taking Youth Participation Seriously" University of Colorado, Geography Lecture Series

2004 "The Challenge of Doing Research with Young People" University of Colorado, Architecture & Planning Doctoral Program Colloquium

2004 "Youth Identity and the Challenge of Meaningful Participation" University of Colorado, Landscape Architecture Lecture Series

2006 "Environmental Design for the 'New Childhood'" Iowa State University, Landscape Architecture Lecture Series

2006 "Designing Natural Play Settings for Active Childhoods" UW-Madison Department of Kinesiology Colloquium

2007 "Exploring Health and Place from a Design Perspective" UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health [Statewide Research Forum](#)

2007 "Using Participatory Photo Mapping (PPM) to Understand Young People's Experience of Health and Place" Wisconsin Initiative for Prevention of Obesity and Diabetes (WIPOD)

2007 "Young People and the Powerful Stranger: The Challenge of Children's Geographies" UW-Madison Department of Geography, Yi-Fu Tuan Lecture

2008 "Feeding the Kids: Nutrition, Youth, and Poverty in America's Cities" UW-Madison Agroecology Lecture Series

2008 "Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments: Translating Evidence into Design" UW-Madison Department of Human Development and Family Studies Colloquium

2008 "Learning from Honduran Kids: Reflections on Play, Health and the Built Environment in Rural Honduras" UW Population Health Sciences, Global Health Symposium

### Scholarly Papers Presented

- 2001 "Assessing Community Development from a Design Perspective: How Well Do Urban Economic Development Projects Achieve Desired Social Outcomes?" Annual Meeting of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, San Luis Obispo, California
- 2001 "Assessing the Urban Design Components of Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities: Three Cases from Pennsylvania." Annual Meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Cleveland
- 2004 "Urban Revitalization and the Discursive Construction of "At Risk" Youth: The Challenge of Children's Meaningful Participation in Neighborhood Planning Initiatives." Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Philadelphia
- 2005 "Art, Culture and Youth Identity: Finding a Place for Young People in Community Open Spaces." Annual Meeting of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, Athens, Georgia.
- 2005 "The Social Construction of Children and Young People: An Agenda for Research and Practice" Annual Meeting of the Environmental Design Research Association, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 2006 "The "Reckless" and the "Perfect": Some Notes on the Social Construction of Place Loathing among Teens in the Coral Street Neighborhood," Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago
- 2007 "Public Participation Health GIS: Using Participatory Photo Mapping to Uncover Assets and Barriers Impacting Health" URISA 2007 GIS in Public Health Conference in New Orleans, LA, with Suzanne Gaulocher.
- 2007 "Implementing the Community Health Assessment Mapping Partnership." Wisconsin Research and Education Network (WREN), Primary Care Research Forum (fall), with Suzanne Gaulocher.
- 2007 "Urban Sanctuary, Outdoor Classroom: Why Troy Gardens Matters to Young People." Midwest Environmental Education Conference, Stevens Point, WI, with Nathan Larson.
- 2007 "Youth Voices: Making Perceptions Visual – Introducing Participatory Photo Mapping." Wisconsin Research and Education Network (WREN), Primary Care Research Forum (spring), with Suzanne Gaulocher.
- 2008 "Cultural Dimensions of Access to Active Living--Understanding Youth and Adult Experiences of Health and Place." Active Living Research Conference, Washington, DC., with Suzanne Gaulocher.
- 2008 "Using Participatory Photo Mapping (PPM) to Inform Public Health Information Networks with Young People in Health Promotion Research." Wisconsin Land Information Association annual conference, with Suzanne Gaulocher and Bill Buckingham
- 2008 "The Prospects and Challenges of Evidence-Based Design for Children's Environments." Environmental Design Research Association, Veracruz, Mexico
- 2009 "The Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment of 'Nature Deficit Disorder'" UW Arboretum, Madison, WI

- 2009 “When Objective Measures Tell Incomplete Stories: Understanding the Social-Cultural Dimensions of the Built Environment through Participatory Photo Mapping (PPM).” Salud America! Scientific Summit, San Antonio
- 2012 “Participatory Photo Mapping to Address Health Equity and Injustice” 2012 Wisconsin State Prevention Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI

**VII. Art, Design and Planning Projects:**

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- 2001 - 2003 KidSpace Park, Harrisburg, PA, Harrisburg Collaborative Studio (built)
- 2003 – 2004 Literacy Center Courtyard, (collaboration with Michael Rios and Bently Spang), Chief Dull Knife College, Northern Cheyenne Nation, Lame Deer, Montana (built)
- 2004 - 2005 Story Circle, Chief Dull Knife College, Northern Cheyenne Nation, Lame Deer, Montana (built) – coordinating designer for the American Indian Housing Initiative
- 2004 - 2008 Shorewood Elementary Learning Landscape Master Plan, Shorewood Hills, Wisconsin (built)
- 2005 - 2006 Discovery Garden – Natural Learning Landscape, Montessori Children’s House of Madison (with David Watts, ASLA), Madison, Wisconsin (built)
- 2005 - 2006 Learning Landscape, Early Childhood Learning Center, Chief Dull Knife College, Northern Cheyenne Nation, Lame Deer, Montana (built) – coordinating designer for the American Indian Housing Initiative
- 2006 - 2007 University Apartments (Eagle Heights, University Houses & Harvey St Apartments) Open Space/Recreation Master Plan, University of Wisconsin
- 2006 - 2008 Jessica Bullen Memorial Garden, Madison, Wisconsin (built)
- 2007 “Tagged” and “The Nine Ways of Knowing,” art installations, Forest Art Wisconsin, an international exhibition, Ute Ritschel, curator, Northern Highlands American Legion State Forest, Woodruff, WI (Catalogue: “International Forest Art Wisconsin: Native/Invasive”)
- 2008 - 2011 Parque de Infantil, Orica, Francisco Morazán, Honduras, with Curt Staats and students in Open Space Honduras (built)
- 2008 Parque de Calanterique Master Plan, Siguatepeque, Comayagua, Honduras (portions built)
- 2009 - 2010 Nature Play Children’s Garden, Woodland Dunes Nature Center, Two Rivers, WI (design consultant, built)
- 2009 - 2010 Culture and Nature Playground, Bad River Head Start and Childcare Services, Odanah, WI, Bad River Reservation (design consultant, built)
- 2012 Nature Playground, Kennedy Heights Community Center, Madison WI (design consultant, built)

**Teaching**

Courses:

LA 260 – Landscape Architecture History

LA 451 – Open Space Design Studio

LA 720 – Critical Theory in Landscape Architecture

LA 920 – Regional Design Workshop

Service Learning/Study Abroad

LA 375 – American Indian Housing Initiative (Northern Cheyenne Nation, MT) 1999-2005

LA 375 – Open Space Honduras (Orica and Siguatepeque, Honduras) 2006-2010

LA 375 – Cloud Forest Studio (Zona Monteverde, Costa Rica) 2011-present