

Academic Training

Master in Sustainable Urban Planning.
George Washington University (On-going)
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture.
University of British Columbia (2000)
Ecole du Louvre, Studies, Paris, France
(1990)

Accreditation

ASLA/RLA (MD&VA)

Professional Affiliations

Virginia Tech Washington Alexandria
Architecture Center, Faculty Advisory
Board Member (2018)
The Maryland-National Capital Park and
Planning Commission, Urban Parks
Advisory Group Member (2018)
Executive Board Member, Casey Trees
(2013-2016)
Design Excellence Committee member,
AIA DC (Washington Chapter of the
American Institute of Architects) (2016)
President Potomac Chapter, American
Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Awards and Honors

Sense Of Place Potomac Chapter ASLA
President Award for Planning and
Analysis, Washington DC 2018
APIII / The Concord Residence Potomac
Chapter ASLA Honor Award for Design,
Washington DC 2016
Gallaudet International Design
Competition Finalist 2015
Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge
Competition Finalist 2015
Juror, 2013 Design Arlington Awards,
2013
Design Critic in Architecture and Planning
CUA (Catholic University of America)
2011- 2012
Design Critic in Architecture and
Landscape Architecture, WAAC
(Washington Alexandria Architecture
Center – Virginia Tech) 2011
The Shelton Design Arlington Award of
Merit, Arlington VA 2010
Dunbar High School Design Competition
Winner, Washington DC 2010
National Museum of Health and Medicine
Competition Winner, Silver Spring MD
2009
The Shelton DCAIA Presidential Citation
for Sustainable Design, Arlington VA 2009
11th Street Bridge Competition Finalist,
Shirley Construction Team, Washington
DC 2009

Publications and Presentations

AIA Regional Urban Design Committee
Mind the Gap: Symposium on the Future
of Urban Design Education and Practice,
Washington D.C. 2019
American Planning Association National
Capital Area Chapter Annual Meeting
Renewable Energy & Critical
Infrastructure, Washington D.C. 2018
Smart Growth America Annual Meeting
Intersections: Creating Culturally
Complete Streets, Nashville 2018
ASLA Annual meeting Educational
Session Design for Equity: Shifting the
Paradigm of Diversity and Inclusion, New
Orleans, LA 2016

Claire leads the Metro DC landscape architecture studio and actively participates in growing its global practice. Her portfolio of work is quite diversified with a strong foothold in the federal, hospitality, culture, and leisure markets. Claire's professional work focuses on the integration of emerging urban landscapes within their cultural and environmental fabrics. She brings an extensive body of experience, a combination of local knowledge and international expertise, and a passion for designing landmarks and world-class destinations. She infuses artfulness and ecology into her designs, and encourages a balanced and integrated approach to design via a dependable, purposeful, and measurable process. In collaboration with others, she seeks to provide design solutions that encourage urban revitalization while preserving the historic character of the place.

Selected Relevant Experience

Public Art /Memorial Design

The Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C.

Project director / Lead landscape architect for the design and re- development of the south portal improvements. The landscape architectural services include design, programming and feasibility studies. Redefining the entire arrival sequence to integrate/introduce/interpret the museum mission to the visitor. [On-going].

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, Washington D.C.

Landscape architect and discipline project director for the newest presidential memorial in Washington, being designed by Frank Gehry Partners, to create a new urban square on Maryland Avenue, a significant artery of L'Enfant plan. The memorial is in proximity to the Mall, the National Air and Space Museum and the United States Capitol.

The Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History South Entrance Design, Washington, D.C.

Project Director / Lead landscape architect for the site planning, historic landscape architecture and landscape architectural design in support of the renovation and restoration of the museum grounds and planted areas. [On-going].

The National Capital Commission, Victims of Communism Memorial, Ottawa, Canada.

Competition finalist for a design competition within a design team comprised of an architect and artist to revamp a memorial in Ottawa to victims of communism. The memorial is intended to recognize Canada's role as a place of refuge for people fleeing injustice and persecution, and to honor the millions who suffered under communist regimes [2016].

The Gallaudet University Creativity Way, Washington, DC.

Competition finalist for a two-stage design competition within a multidisciplinary design team to create a new campus gateway and redefine the university's urban edge and cultural district. The project features "DeafSpace" design principles and an original campus, designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted in 1866, identified as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. The landscape architectural services include design, programming and feasibility studies. [On-going].

US Architect of the Capitol, A-E Services 2014-2019 - House of Representatives Child Care Center, Washington, DC.

Project Director / Lead landscape architect working for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) in the design development and implementation of highly secured Child Care play area for 232 toddlers and pre-school children at the O'Neill House Office Building (OHOB). The project features a seamlessly integrated perimeter security and sensory rich environment that has a variety of shapes, colors, and forms for improving learning opportunities, interactive play, universal access and greater spatial perceptions. [On-going].

Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge, Washington, D.C.

Landscape Architecture Director consulting for the design/build replacement of the Anacostia River bridge crossing and its ancillary pedestrian realms. Led the physical integration of the bridge and the detailing of its embankments to promote a seamless urban-bridge-road interface and the development of aesthetically compelling urban realms via two large public esplanades located on each side of the Anacostia river connected by a continuous multipurpose trail to facilitate the safe crossing of pedestrians and bicyclists. (On-going)

US General Services Administration, National A/E/I 2016-2021 - Harry S Truman Building

Courtyard, Washington, District of Columbia. Landscape architect providing services to develop presentation documents for the final architectural concepts of the north courtyard, south courtyard, and optional atrium for the south courtyard of the Harry S. Truman building; primarily focusing on the exterior architectural elements and details that will be of interest to local approving authorities.

US Army Corps of Engineers New England, National Museum of the United States Army Completion, Arlington, Virginia. Lead landscape architect providing landscape design, site planning, site landscape design, memorial garden design, and implementation design for an extensive interactive interpretive program for the museum. The 90-acre site functions as the flagship institution of the Army's national museum system.

Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, National Women's History Museum - Site Selection Study, Washington, District of Columbia. Landscape architect performed a site selection study for a site to build a home for a National Women's History Museum in Washington, DC. The museum is currently a privately funded, online museum that offers educational programs, scholarship, and research focused on the diverse contributions of women throughout the United States.

US Department of State, New Embassy Compound - Planning and Design Services, Asuncion, Paraguay. Project director provided project oversight for the delivery of planning and design services of an irrigation system for a new embassy compound as part of a security upgrade at the US Embassy.

Campus/ Higher Education

Virginia Tech Dietrick Hall Revitalization and Infinite Loop Integration, Blacksburg, VA. Lead landscape architect, in the development of an outdoor plaza to support the revitalization of the Dietrick Hall, into a "Village-like center", campus landmark and strategic destination. The site programming includes the integration of Virginia Tech's master plan Infinite Loop and first link at Dietrick Hall. A planning initiative that envisions the development of a continuous and universally accessible 2 miles long multi-modal path (bike-ped-AV) that will connect all parts of the campus. [On-going].

The Gallaudet University and The Warehouse District Urban Framework Plan, Washington, DC Principal in Charge, led an R&D effort in the development of a conceptual framework plan for Gallaudet and Union Market public realm. This noncommissioned work was spurred by our supporting role on the Gallaudet University Creativity Way team and built on the notion that DeafSpace design principles established by Gallaudet University can promote through comprehensive planning a more inclusive and sensory rich urban environment.

University of Virginia, Landscape Architecture Contract 2013-2018 - McCormick Road West Precinct Study, Charlottesville, Virginia. Project director provided oversight of this study to improve the McCormick Road multi-modal corridor. The study focused on the western portion of McCormick Road, from Cabell Drive, across the McCormick Road Bridge, and westwards to Alderman Road. The goal of the project was to better meet pedestrian needs, improve safety for all users, reduce impervious paving, enhance stormwater management, protect historic resources and heritage trees, and retain the overall historic character of the corridor.

US Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, A-E Planning 2010-2015 - CNR Northwest Installation Master Planning, Various Locations, Washington. Landscape architect for this task order assignment to provide master planning for Commander, Navy Region Northwest facilities in Kitsap, Whidbey Island, and Everett, Washington.

US Architect of the Capitol, A-E Services 2014-2019 - Capitol Square Americans Disabilities Act Remediation, Washington, District of Columbia. Landscape architect for this task order assignment to provide services for the production of Historic American Building Survey and Historic American Engineering Record drawings and photography in strict accordance with the Department of Interior standards under this multi-year IDIQ contract

US Air Force - 772 ESS/PKS, AE13DCS 2015-2022 - Title I Design for FMS Qatar F-15 Beddown, Doha, Qatar. Design lead providing design support services for this task order to prepare construction documents (100% design) for the F-15QA beddown in Qatar under a multi-year IDIQ contract.

US Naval Facilities Engineering Command Europe Africa Southwest Asia, SATOC A-E Services 2015-2020 - P-695/P-716 Joint Mobility Processing Center, Rota, Spain. Landscape architect providing design services for the joint mobility processing center and in transit munitions facility, under this multi-year contract that covers the entire Naval Facilities Engineering Command Europe Africa Southwest Asia.

James Madison Performing Arts Center, Harrisonburg, VA

Landscape Architect led the conceptual site plan development for a new 175,000 sf Center for the Arts/Music Recital Hall containing a 800 seat theatre and a 800 seat concert hall along with shops, academic, office and supporting spaces for the James Madison University. The project also includes site improvements and a pedestrian viaduct connection under South Main Street to the Main Campus.

Hart Junior High School/Johnson Middle School, Washington, DC

Landscape Architect led the site improvements as part of the District of Columbia Public Schools and Department of General Services ongoing school modernization and renovation program. The improvements include the planning and design of school exploratory programs that promote the integration of innovative stormwater management strategies and outdoor play environments.

Maria Da Gracia, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Lead landscape architect assist the development of a conceptual model for sustainable development of Rio de Janeiro's largest favela into a public park retrofit, retrofitting acres of brownfield land into a public amenity with access to safer and cleaner water bodies and playgrounds.

Dunbar High School, Washington, DC

Lead Landscape Architect, within a multidisciplinary team and competition finalists for the development of a large educational campus in the heart of Washington DC. A 21st – century learning environments, LEED Platinum and Net Zero system, seamlessly synch outdoor spaces with the school buildings and facilities.

Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD

Lead Landscape Architect, garden design for an extension of the School of Nursing at Johns Hopkins University, includes 20,000 SF of roof gardens and a large winter atrium.

MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC

Project Landscape Architect for the first phase of development for the North façade renovation of the Cancer Institute at MedStar Washington Hospital.

Ministry of Defense and Aviation (Moda), Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Lead landscape architect, for the development of a conceptual campus landscape plan for a Military Medical Complex near King Khalid International Airport (2012)

Waterfront / Mixed-Use / Streetscape

The Yards West Public Realm, Washington, D.C.

Project director overseeing a multidisciplinary team in the design and documentation of a Vision Zero public realm and Net Zero infrastructure for an 18 acre land assembly in South-East Washington, DC. (On-Going)

The Lee Highway Visioning Corridor, Arlington, VA.

Consultant Landscape Architect, participated in an intensive four- day workshop, in partnership with Dover, Khol and Partners, the Lee Highway Alliance and the Arlington County to craft a vision to safely accommodate pedestrians, cyclists and automobiles while sustaining growth and urban revitalization. The focus of the study area along the Lee Highway or Route 29 corridor, is a five miles stretch -- a vital route -- in and out of the nation's capital, across North Arlington, from Rosslyn to Falls Church.

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Buzzard Point Soccer Stadium, Washington, D.C.

Lead landscape architect, for the development of an urban design framework plan for the last quadrant of the Nation's Capital. The plan served both the District and DC United to show residents how a new soccer stadium will positively impact this area and be a catalyst for urban growth and renewal – creating housing, economy and recreational open spaces along this once abandoned riverfront.

Jubail Industrial City with the support of the Royal Commission (RC) Al Reggah, Jubail, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Lead landscape architect, in a development of all landscapes and open spaces network, streetscape design guidelines, civic institutional and waterfront amenities for a district master plan. Al Reggah District is one of three additional districts, to be completed by 2030 to accommodate 150,000 residents and provide 27,000 homes to the existing Jubail Industrial City.

Dubai Creek Harbour, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Landscape Architect within a multidisciplinary team and international competition finalists for the development of a large master plan near Dubai Creek, inclusive of a central business district, a mix of cultural, commercial and entertainment driven attractions. Dubai Creek Harbour project will sit near Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary, a natural reserve of 620 hectares.

The Yards Public Realm, Washington, D.C.

Principal in Charge, oversee the design and documentation services for the public realm and

streetscapes at 'The Yards' redevelopment of approximately 40 acres near the historic Navy Yard along the Anacostia River. The streetscapes feature innovative bio-retention and permeable pavements in an urban context

The Boilermaker, Washington, DC

Project Landscape Architect, for the design and construction documentation of a LID streetscape and vibrant public realm for a post-industrial building proposed for retail retrofit.

Potomac Yard Town Center, Alexandria, VA

Design lead landscape architect, for a 17-acre transit oriented mixed-use development, 414 multi-family dwelling units, office/retail spaces, 3 hotels, around a 1.25-acre open space/town green including a 7,000-SF water feature and ice rink. The project is characterized by cutting edge green design practices ranging from vegetative roofs, electric vehicle charging stations, pervious parking lot, LID zones, walking and bicycling paths.

Leisure / Hospitality / Entertainment

Universal Beijing Resort, Beijing, China.

Lead landscape architect in the development of a theme park landscape master plan and public realms for two of the site's largest resorts. Worked in closed collaboration with Universal Studios Creative and its multidisciplinary A/E team to develop a world-class destination for millions of visitors. This is the first-ever Universal-themed resort hotel in China. Located in Beijing, the hotel is accompanied by a theme park and a Universal City Walk entertainment complex featuring multiple retail, dining and entertainment opportunities. The hotel and its grounds are scheduled to open in 2019.

La Luna Hotel and the Crescent Development Project, Baku, Azerbaijan.

Design lead landscape architect for the development and implementation of the Crescent Development Project (CDP) that is comprised of a waterfront promenade, retail mixed-uses, public parks and a highly secured offshore hotel named "La Luna" in a secluded lagoon with panoramic views of the Caspian Sea. The crescent moon shaped hotel, symbol of the Azerbaijan national flag is planned to be a seven star facility. (2015)

Harmony Cove Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica.

Design lead landscape architect for the development of an 800 key hotel and Eco-resort facility with various outdoor amenities. The design is pioneering environmental best practices with innovative stormwater management strategies and integrative local flora, fauna and cultural resources planning strategies. (On-going)