

EDUCATION

Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Master in Landscape Architecture

Master of Landscape Architecture in Urban Design

Dartmouth College

Bachelor of Arts • English & Comparative Literature • Highest Distinction

PROFESSIONAL

Ann Kearsley Design

1983 – present

Owner & Principal of Landscape Architecture & Urban Design Firm

Registered Landscape Architect: ME#3075, MA#4032, AZ#36907 • CLARB Certified Landscape Architect

Landscape & Urban Design: AKD specializes in ecologically based landscape design, linking landscape form and spatial structure to the dynamics of a site's natural systems and the enhancement of ecological function. Firm projects include large scale master planning, site planning, urban parks, landscapes for art, landscapes for experiential education, productive agricultural landscapes and public and private gardens. With over 40 years' experience designing and building landscapes for individuals, institutions and communities, AKD's work is founded on a commitment to establishing meaningful, sustainable and resilient connections between people and the landscapes they inhabit. AKD provides a full range of landscape design services including master planning, site planning and design, planting strategies and landscape management planning.

Sculpture Siting &
Installation Management

AKD consults with municipalities, institutions and private clients on the selection and siting of outdoor sculpture. We manage all aspects of sculpture installation in both existing landscapes and in landscapes designed by AKD. Sculpture sited includes work by: Magdalena Abakanowicz, Louise Bourgeois, Alexander Calder, Mark DiSuvero, Nancy Holt, Jenny Holzer, Gillian Jagger, Luis Jimenez, Ellsworth Kelly, Willem de Kooning, Sol LeWitt, Roy Lichtenstein, Dennis Oppenheim, Richard Serra, Kiki Smith, Tony Smith, William Tucker & Ursula von Rydingsvard.

TEACHING

Rhode Island School of Design

Fall 2018 - present

Master of Landscape Architecture Program

- Plants: Botany & Ecology
- Rights of Nature in Design Practice
- Field Ecology / Design Foundations - Summer orientation program for first year students
- Constructed Ground - Topography & Drainage
- Graduate Thesis advisor

Northeastern University

Fall 2014 - Fall 2019

School of Architecture • Urban Landscape Program (undergraduate)

- Plants, People & Landscape Change • Plant Identification & Engagement • Planting Design
- Site Materials & Methods • Sustainable Site Construction & Detailing
- Nominated for College of Arts Media & Design Excellence in Teaching Award, 2018

SELECTED PROJECTS

Wolfe's Neck Center for
Agriculture & the Environment
The Discovery Garden

Freeport, Maine

October 2018 – May 2022

Site Planning & Landscape Design

The Discovery Garden at Wolfe's Neck Center is a proposed experiential education field laboratory located along a central spine linking the facilities that support WNC's educational programming. The forms and materials of the Discovery Garden, developed using the regenerative farming techniques practiced in the surrounding working landscape, give definition to intimate and accessible spaces while providing content for educational programming. The Discovery Garden highlights the ecological processes that are critical to healthy ecosystem function. The cyclical nature of these processes requires a design approach that embraces ecological change and ongoing landscape transformation.

Wolfe's Neck Center for
Agriculture & the Environment
Wolfe's Neck Farm

Freeport, Maine

October 2014 – January 2020

Master Planning, Site Planning, Landscape Design & Stormwater Permitting

AKD, with consultants Thomas Fowler P.E. and GO Logic, LLC, developed a Master Plan for Wolfe's Neck Center, a 626 acre saltwater farm in Freeport, ME. The Master Plan integrates WNC's varied existing agricultural and educational programming, including a new Pasture Dairy Facility and Farmer Training Program, a Summer Camp, Teen Agriculture program, an Education Center for Sustainable Agriculture programming and Recompence Campground.

SELECTED PROJECTS *continued*Episcopal Diocese of Ohio
Bellwether Farm
Camp and Retreat MinistryWakeman, Ohio
June 2012 – June 2016

Master Planning, Site Planning & Landscape Design

AKD partnered with GO Logic, LLC to develop a Master Plan for a summer camp and retreat center for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, a facility to support a ministry focused on sustainable agriculture. AKD worked with EDoOH to articulate detailed sustainability goals and community and educational programming which are incorporated into the Site Plan for the 140 acre farm using principles of Landscape Ecology. The Master Plan includes proposals for sustainable landscape development, stormwater management, erosion control, architecture, commercial farm operations, forest management, gardens for community programming and educational content, as well as project pricing and implementation phasing.

Unity College
SonnenHausVillage & TerraHausUnity, Maine
October 2010 - July 2011

Campus Planning • Site Planning • Landscape Design

Unity College is a small, rural, liberal arts college with a focus on environmental studies. AKD's Site Plan and landscape design for TerraHaus and the SonnenHausVillage initiated Unity's shift towards an ecologically based framework for development at the College, characterized by combining the principles of Landscape Ecology with the functional requirements of a working landscape that supports the College's Sustainability Science curriculum. TerraHaus awards include: The EcoHome 2012 Grand Award; the 2012 Evergreen Award from EcoStructure; a Citation for Excellence in Architecture from AIA New England.

GO Logic, LLC
The GO HomeBelfast, ME
2009 - 2010

Site Planning • Landscape Design • USGBC's LEED for Homes 2011 Project of the Year

The GO Home, a super energy efficient residential prototype for the Belfast Maine CoHousing Community, was completed by GO Logic, LLC in 2010. AKD sited the building, and designed and managed the installation of GO Home's sustainable landscape by preserving and expanding on the existing healthy site ecology during and after construction. GO Home received a USGBC LEED Platinum rating and national recognition as the USGBC LEED for Homes 2011 Project of the Year.

Kaplan Thompson Architects
Bright Built BarnRockport, ME
August 2007 - August 2009

Site Planning • Landscape Design • 2009 LEED for Homes Innovative Project Award

A cross disciplinary collaboration for building with net zero carbon emissions. AKD sited the building, managed construction staging to minimize site impacts, and designed a landscape restoration plan re-establishing the pre-construction plant community and ecosystem. USGBC LEED Platinum; 2009 USGBC LEED for Homes Innovative Project Award; Treehugger 2008 Best Single Family Project.

SCULPTURE & PUBLIC LANDSCAPES FOR ART

Tau
The Tony Smith Sculpture ProjectSouth Orange, NJ
October 2002 - October 2008

The Tony Smith Sculpture Project

Influential sculptor Tony Smith (1927-1980) lived most of his life in South Orange, NJ. In 2002, the Smith family gifted his sculpture 'Tau' to the Village of South Orange and selected Ann Kearsley to site and to manage the installation of 'Tau'. AKD participated in a long public process, developing multiple design proposals, siting the work in several potential sites. www.tonymithsouthorange.org

Arts-on-the-Point
University of
Massachusetts, Boston
June 1997 - December 2007

Consultant for Sculpture Installation and Landscape Design

Arts-on-the-Point is a public sculpture park at the University of Massachusetts, Boston harborside campus. AKD sited sculpture and managed all aspects of installation and related landscape design. Sculpture sited includes work by: Magdalena Abakanowicz, Alexander Calder, Mark DiSuvero, Nancy Holt, Jenny Holzer, Gillian Jagger, Luis Jimenez, Ellsworth Kelly, Willem de Kooning, Sol LeWitt, Roy Lichtenstein, Dennis Oppenheim, Richard Serra, Tony Smith, William Tucker, Ursula von Rydingsvard.

LECTURES • SYMPOSIA • WORKSHOPS

Society for Ecological Restoration • North American Conference • Oct 2024 • Symposium (chair): Non-Human Agency in the Built Environment
Society for Ecological Restoration • Quebec RE3 Conference • June 2023 • Presentation: The Rights of Nature & the Built Environment
Society for Ecological Restoration • Int'l Conference (virtual) • July 2021 • Symposium (chair): Experimental Placemaking
Coastal Maine Botanical Garden • February 2020 • Lecture: Resilient Landscapes in Built Environments: Professional Certificate Program
Estonian University of Life Sciences • October 2019 • Tartu, Estonia • Forestry Dept. Residency: Lectures/workshops re: LA + Restoration Ecology
Ecological Landscape Alliance • Conference • March 2019 • Amherst, MA • Invited Speaker/Design Case Study: Landscapes for Learning
ASLA • Annual Meeting • 2018 • Philadelphia, PA • Symposia: Collaborative Restoration: Integrating Landscape Architecture & Ecology
Society for Ecological Restoration New England • Regional Conference • October 2018 • CT • Lecture: Experiential Education Landscapes
Society for Ecological Restoration Europe • September 2018 • Reykjavik, Iceland • Symposium (chair): Resilient Coastal Communities
Coastal Maine Botanical Garden • May 2018 • Workshop • Stormwater Management in Residential Landscapes
Maine Stormwater Conference • 2017 • Portland, ME • Lecture: Wolfe's Neck Center: A Case Study in Integrative Stormwater Management
Society for Ecological Restoration • 2017 • Iguassu, Brazil • Symposium (chair): Collaborative Design in Ecological Restoration
Society for Ecological Restoration Europe • 2016 • Munich, Germany • Workshop: Restoration Principles in Landscape Architecture
Boston Society of Landscape Architects • 2016 BSLA Awards Jury