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Urbanist & Happiness Enthusiast

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EXPERTISE

Urban Design Participatory Planning Graphic Design & Arts

PROFICIENCY

Adobe Creative Suite
SketchUp
Esri/ArcGIS

AutoCAD

Microsoft Office

Public Participation

EDUCATION

2014

Morgan State University

Master of City and Regional Planning, Specializing in Urban Design & Sustainable Cities 4.0 GPA

2014 American Institute of Certified Planners. Outstanding Student Award

Maryland Institute College of Art Bachelor of Fine Arts, Environmental Design Dean's List 2008

2005

School of Visual Arts Foundation & Studio Coursework, Interior Design

RECENT EXPERIENCE

12+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

2020 to Hello Happy Design | Baltimore, MD

Present Independent Design & Planning Practice

» Apply understandings from psychological and social sciences to the design of environments as a method to help individuals and communities thrive

Present

January Hume / The Centre for Conscious Design | Remote

2021 to [Tel Aviv, Israel / London, UK]

Design & Research Intern

- » Facilitate widespread use of a science-informed architecture and urban design approach through the collection and presentation of research and design insights
- » Translate scientific insights and design concepts into compelling visuals for practitioners
- » Support the development of a forthcoming website

to 2020

2019 RK&K | Baltimore, MD

- Healthy Communities Planner » Engaged with residents and project stakeholders to identify community function, future opportunities, and what actions are needed to implement change
- » Encouraged healthy, active transportation choices through spacial design and placemaking strategies

2014 Mahan Rykiel Associates | Baltimore, MD

to 2019 Associate Planner

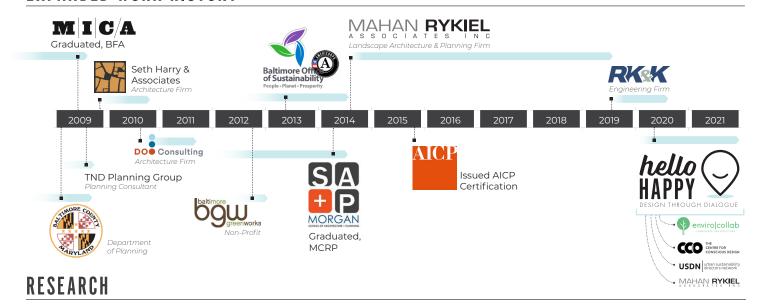
- » Created award-winning master and strategic plans
- » Structured and followed an iterative community participation process that fostered a sense of public ownership in design
- » Employed human-centered and asset-based design approaches to celebrate community culture and identity
- » Designed infographic, report, and marketing materials
- » Illustrated and rendered planning and design concepts
- » Analyzed social, economic, and environmental conditions

2013 Baltimore Office of Sustainability | Baltimore, MD

to 2014 Sustainability Planner; AmeriCorps Service Member with Civic Works

- » Served as lead editor and designer of the Disaster Preparedness Project and Plan (DP3), as well as the 2012 and 2013 Annual Sustainability Reports
- » Managed the integration of citywide planning efforts using the STAR Community Rating System as a structural framework
- » Created and executed a public sustainability outreach campaign using print and digital platforms

EXPANDED WORK HISTORY



2020 Hello Happy

to 2021 Self-funded research sabbatical into science-informed design and planning strategies for shaping places for improved mental well-being

2016 A Little Piece of Havn: How Copenhagen Redefines Waterfront Development

Founder's Travel Fund Award for Personal Research Project | Copenhagen, Denmark

» Traveled to Copenhagen to study waterfront urbanism in the re-development of Nordhavn for comparison with development in post-industrial port cities of the United States.

2016 Equitable + Diverse Engagement

Firm Research Initiative, Mahan Rykiel Associates | Baltimore, MD

» Led a team in identifying challenges and alternatives to conventional public participation techniques.

2014 Deep Ecological Urbanism: A framework for integrating science and ethics into the planning and design of human-dominated ecosystems

Graduate Dissertation, Professional Project at Morgan State University | Baltimore, MD

» Developed the Deep Ecological Urbanism framework and created a series of tools to aid planners and urban designers in applying scientific research in practice

2013 Deep Ecological Urbanism: Ecology, efficiency, and ethics in urban design

to 2014 Student Fellowship, Environment, Natural Resources, & Energy Division | APA National

» Reviewed existing literature in the fields of ecology, deep ecology, ecological urbanism, and urban planning to define my "Deep Ecological Urbanism" framework, folding an understanding of the principles of natural sciences, as well as the ethical consideration of nature, into the planning of healthy, ecological, and equitable cities

TEACHING

Spring Open Up Baltimore: Landscape Architecture Studio, Co-Teacher

Morgan State University School of Architecture & Planning, Master of Landscape Architecture Program

- » Instructed students on concepts of community engagement and public space design
- » Introduced students to technical skills for site analysis, public participation, and graphics production

2013 Deep Ecological Urbanism, Guest Lecture

Community College of Baltimore, Horticulture Program

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

Emerging Leaders Program, 2017 Cohort

Greenland and Associates

Certified Planning Professional, 2015

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

PUBLICATIONS AS AUTHOR

January How to Pandemic-Proof Community Service 2021 Planning Magazine

April 2014 Deep Ecological Urbanism: A framework for integrating science and ethics into the planning and design of human-dominated ecosystems [Capstone Project]

May 2013 Deep Ecological Urbanism: Ecology, efficiency, and ethics in urban design [Supervised Research]

PUBLICATIONS AS CONTRIBUTOR

Campo, D. (2016). Historic Preservation in an Economic Void: Reviving Buffalo's Concrete Atlantis. Journal of Planning History, March 2016. [Contributed research]

Campo, D. (2013). The Accidental Playground: Brooklyn Waterfront Narratives of the Undesigned and Unplanned. New York: Fordham University Press. [Contributed artwork]

PRESENTATIONS + EXHIBITIONS

2021 Design for Distancing: Reactivating Baltimore's Public Realm | Panelist The Nature of Cities Festival, Virtual

2019 The Human Element of Planning and Design Co-Presenter
American Planning Association Maryland Chapter

37th Biennial Conference

2018 Design 101 | Presenter
Main Street Basic Training, Elkton, MD

2018 Strong Partners Develop Strong
Neighborhoods | Panelist
Maryland Economic Development Administration,
Elkton, MD

2017 Innovations in Planning Technology
Co-Presenter

American Planning Association Maryland Chapter Annual Meeting and Conference, Annapolis, MD 2017 Building on Strength: Creative Economic Development | Co-Presenter American Planning Association National Planning Conference, New York, NY

2016 Get Engaged! Including Everyone in the Park
Design Process | Co-Presenter
Maryland Recreation & Parks Association, Ocean
City, MD

2016 Responding to Civil Unrest Through
Community-led Planning | Moderator
American Planning Association Maryland Chapter
Event, Baltimore, MD

2014 Navigating a Career in Planning | Presenter Morgan Association of Planning Students, Professional Development Institute, Baltimore, MD



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