

## Jess Hamilton

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## Education

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| 2013 - 2017 | Landscape Architecture, Masters of Landscape Architecture, University of Washington, Seattle, WA                      |
| 2007-2009   | Interactive Marketing, Bachelor of Science, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i><br>Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY   |
| 2004-2006   | Fashion Design, Associate in Applied Science, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i><br>Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY |

## Experience

Mar 2025 - Present **Founder, Landscape Architect, This Land, Delhi NY**

- Founded landscape architecture practice focused on ecological landscape design and planning in the Catskills and Hudson Valley regions
- Developed comprehensive business plan including market analysis, service pricing strategy, and break-even projections for startup landscape architecture firm
- Actively develop and deliver comprehensive design services from initial client consultation through construction documentation and implementation oversight
- Created digital portfolio and brand identity system including website, proposal templates, and client education materials
- Create custom property stewardship programs that build client capacity for long-term landscape care and ecological health

Mar 2025 - Present **Vice President, Delhi Motor Company, Delhi NY**

- Leading transformation of historic Delhi automotive business into multi-tenant hub of designers, trade & craftspeople
- Leading market analysis initiatives, tenant acquisition and lease negotiations
- Coordinating contractor relationships, managing tenant acquisition, and developing operational frameworks
- Leading design and coordination of facility, branding and identity updates

Apr 2018 - Feb 2025 **Senior Associate, Mikyoung Kim Design, Boston MA**

- **Senior Project Manager:** Responsibilities included developing and executing client presentations coordinating internal and external teams, managing deadlines, communicating design intent, managing project budgets, quality control and construction administration
- **Project Designer:** Responsibilities included design development and documentation from master planning and conceptual design to construction documentation phases, managing community workshops, graphic and technical documentation, and composing written project narratives
- **Research & Education Lead:** Helped establish internal education initiatives and research working groups with a focus on technical skill development, environmental health and neuro-inclusive design. Developed grant proposals and lead collaboration efforts with external academic and subject matter experts.

- **Notable Projects Included:** Ford Motor Company's Michigan Central Mobility Innovation District, the Botanical Garden of the Piedmont, Texas Medical Center Helix Park, the Pryde LGBTQ Senior Housing, Cambridge Foundry for Innovation

Winter 2020 **Professional Design Assistant, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge MA**

- Provided professional mentorship and masterplan design guidance for professional continuing education students
- Directed and developed graphic communication package for team that won both Critic's and People's Choice Awards

2017 – 2018 **Landscape Design Intern, Olson Kundig, Seattle WA**

- Contributed to project development ranging from research and conceptual design to construction documentation and specification revisions
- Generated sketch models, plans, sections, elevations, diagrams, and presentation packages
- Range of work included churches, roof gardens, streetscapes, residences and private development projects.

2009 – Mar 2018 **Freelance Graphic Designer and Web Developer**

- Seattle Center City Public Arts Master Plan graphic design and mapping
- Designed, and developed websites and visual story telling materials
- Coordinated, hired and managed small teams as needed
- Notable clients included: *Green Futures Lab*, *NBC Universal*, *Philip Attar Creative*, *Cause & Effect Productions* and *Storm King Art Center*

Dec 2014 – Jun 2017 **Teaching / Graduate Research Assistant, Urban@UW, Seattle WA**

- Founding research assistant for University of Washington's (UW) Urban research initiative, created process documentation, supervised and trained subsequent team members
- Generated course materials and served as a teaching assistant for NextSeattle: Undergraduate Civic Innovation Seminar
- Designed and developed searchable online database of university initiatives
- Provided program support for Urban Environmental Justice initiative

Summer 2016 **Data Science for Social Good Fellow, University of Washington, Seattle WA**

- Fellowship Sponsored by UW eScience Institute, Urban@UW & Microsoft
- Collaborated on and facilitated development of an open-source data schema (*OpenSidewalks*) designed to facilitate accessible pedestrian maps (*Tactile Maptile* and *AccessMap*)
- Developed graphic identity and educational materials
- Co-lead community mapping events

Summer 2016 **Teaching Assistant, UW Landscape Architecture Department, Seattle WA**

- Taught and designed course materials for introduction to digital media with a focus on Photoshop, AutoCAD and Rhino 3D
- Assisted introduction to hand representation course

- Winter 2015    **Research Assistant, UW / Society of Architectural Historians (SAH)**
- Assisted in writing, coordination, editing and tagging of SAH's Archipedia peer reviewed encyclopedia for top 100 significant American landscapes and urban spaces
- Jan 2014-Dec 2014    **Associate, Walt's Organic Fertilizer Company, Seattle WA**
- Propagated and cared for Pacific Northwest native and edible plants
  - Interpreted soil tests, mixed and advised customers on organic fertilizers and soil conditioners
  - Lead establishment of online retail store via Wordpress & Amazon
  - Developed and published soil science and gardening educational materials for in store distribution and web publication.

## Teaching & Research Interests

<b>Adaptive Reuse Strategies</b>	Adaptive reuse strategies that leverage site-specific material histories to reduce embodied carbon while strengthening community connection to place.
<b>Inclusive Design</b>	Integrating accessibility and sensory environment mapping with environmental health data to design landscapes that support mental, physical and environmental health
<b>Landscape Management Transitions</b>	Investigating how landscape transitions from intensive to ecological management affect both environmental and community outcomes

## Peer Reviewed Publications

Tanweer, Anissa & Bolten, Nicholas & Drouhard, Margaret & Hamilton, Jess & Caspi, Anat & Fiore-Gartland, Brittany & Tan, Kaicheng, 2017. *Mapping for accessibility: A case study of ethics in data science for social good*.

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Jess Hamilton, "Kaiser Center Roof Garden", [Oakland, California], SAH Archipedia, eds. Gabrielle Esperdy and Karen Kingsley, Charlottesville: UVaP, 2012—, <http://sah-archipedia.org/buildings/CA-01-001-8012>.

Jess Hamilton, Gerald Moorhead et al., "East Sixth Street Historic District", [Austin, Texas], SAH Archipedia, eds. Gabrielle Esperdy and Karen Kingsley, Charlottesville: UVaP, 2012—, <http://sah-archipedia.org/buildings/TX-01-453-9077>.

## Speaking / Presentations

- April 2025    Dimella Shaeffer Architect's Senior Moments, *Landscape Design for Seniors*
- Nov 2024    Landscape Architecture Foundation, Case Study Investigation, *Inclusive Spaces: Boston Children's Hospital Master Plan and Implementation*
- Oct 2024    American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), National Conference, *Sound in the City*

Nov 2023	Penn State, <i>Design for Healthy Communities</i>
Sept 2022	Quinn Evans Architect's Design Morsel, <i>Design Motivation, Process and Ambition</i>
May 2022	Boston Society of Landscape Architects (BSLA), Resiliency Summit, <i>Dynamic Stormwater Systems on Historic Sites</i>
Nov 2017	American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), National Conference, <i>Tactile MapTile-Working Towards Inclusive Cartography</i>
May 2017	Puget Sound Regional Council, <i>OpenSidewalks</i>
Feb 2017	Global Cities Transportation Challenge, <i>Tactile Maptile</i>
Feb 2017	Seattle American Society of Architects, Design For All, <i>OpenSidewalks</i>
Aug 2016	Seattle Data Science for Social Good, <i>OpenSidewalks an Open Source Data Scheme to Enhance Pedestrian Mapping.</i>
Aug 2016	Chicago Data Science for Social Good, <i>OpenSidewalks an Open Source Data Scheme to Enhance Pedestrian Mapping.</i>
July 2016	Open Street Map State of the Map Conference, <i>OpenSidewalks</i>

## Technical Skills

<b>Software</b>	<i>Advanced:</i> AutoCAD, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator), Bluebeam Revu, Excel <i>Intermediate:</i> Sketchup, Rhino 3D, Grasshopper, GIS
<b>Field &amp; Technical</b>	Site analysis & assessment, construction documentation, grading and drainage, planting design & specification, soil testing and remediation, stormwater management systems, construction documentation/detailing, administration and observation.
<b>Management &amp; Communication</b>	Project management and client relations, budget development and tracking, team leadership and collaboration, public presentation and stakeholder engagement, technical report writing and design research.

## Honors, Awards & Recognition

April 2024	Landscape Architecture Magazine, <u><i>Where We Get Stronger</i></u> , pp. 90-111
Fall 2022	American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA) Firm of the Year Award: <i>Mikyoung Kim Design</i> , Senior Associate
Winter 2020	Critic's Choice Award, Waterfront Masterplan for Harvard Graduate School of Design's Executive Education Program, Professional Design Mentor
Winter 2020	People's Choice Award, Waterfront Masterplan for Harvard Graduate School of Design's Executive Education Program, Professional Design Mentor
Fall 2017	ASLA Honor Award, Communications Category, <i>Tactile MapTile: Working Towards Inclusive Cartography</i> , MLA thesis work
Feb 2017	Cascade PBS, <u><i>Seattle's hills are the worst. Here's a way to cope.</i></u>
Dec 2016	Landscape Architecture Magazine, <u><i>A Seat in the Street</i></u> , pp. 20-22

- Fall 2016 First Place, Art in Landscape Studio Design Competition, *Unstable Ground*, designed in response to the City of Tacoma Prairie Line Trail Call for Artists
- Aug 2016 Tech Crunch, *Student projects leapfrog governments and industry in 'Data Science for Social Good' program.*
- Aug 2016 Geekwire, *Could data help solve Seattle's transportation challenges?*

## Licenses, Certifications & Memberships

- 2021-Present Registered Landscape Architect (RLA), Massachusetts
- 2025 (Pending) Registered Landscape Architect (RLA), New York
- 2025 Audubon Habitat and Ecosystems Land Pro (HELP) Certification
- 2018-Present American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Professional Member
- 2024-Present ASLA Healthcare & Therapeutic Design Professional Practice Network, Leadership Committee
- 2012 Permaculture Design Certification, Quail Springs, Maricopa, CA

## Volunteer & Service

- Present Woodlawn Cemetery Association Board, Delhi, NY, Trustee
- Present Delhi Garden Spot Committee, Delhi, NY, Member, Grant Development Support
- 2025 Landscape Architecture Foundation, Honor Scholarship in Memory of Joe Lalli, Jury Member
- 2024-Present ASLA Healthcare and Therapeutic Design Professional Practice Network Leadership Committee Member
- 2020-Present Larz Anderson Community Garden, Boston MA, Garden Volunteer
- 2020-2022 Boston Society of Architects, Boston MA, WID/Intersections Symposium Committee
- 2018-2019 Green Streets Initiative, Boston, MA, Board Member, Communications Committee Chair
- 2016-2018 Taskar Center for Accessible Technology, Seattle, WA  
Seattle Design Festival Installation Lead, Advocate, Coordinator, & Designer
- 2005-2024 School Based Health, Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown, NY  
Technology Consultant & Designer
- 2015-2016 American Society of Landscape Architecture, UW Chapter, Seattle, WA  
Mentorship Committee Co-Coordinator