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ABOUT

I am interested in dynamic landscapes, in modeling how landscapes evolve and designing catalysts for change. My teaching focuses on how scientific modeling can play a generative role in the creative design process. My research explores creative applications for emerging technologies like tangibles and robotics.



RESEARCH INTERESTS

Geospatial Modeling erosion modeling
▪ landscape evolution ▪ computational ecology ▪ lidar & drone analytics ▪ geovisualization

Digital Design generative design ▪ creative coding ▪ digital fabrication ▪ ecological robotics ▪ human-computer interaction ▪ tangible interfaces

EDUCATION

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| 2013 – 2017 | PhD in Design Co-major in Forestry and Environmental Science | North Carolina State University |
| 2010 – 2012 | Master's of Philosophy in Geography Focus in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management | University of Oxford |
| 2005 – 2008 | Master's of Landscape Architecture | Harvard Graduate School of Design |
| 2001 – 2005 | Bachelor's of Art Major in Art History | Sewanee: the University of the South |

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

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| 2017 – present | Assistant Professor Landscape Architecture | Louisiana State University |
| 2017 | Postdoctoral Fellow Geospatial Analytics | North Carolina State University |
| 2013 – 2017 | Instructor Landscape Architecture | North Carolina State University |
| 2007 – 2008 | 3D Teaching Assistant | Harvard Graduate School of Design |

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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| 2008 – 2009 | Landscape Designer | EDAW AECOM Guangzhou |
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BOOKS

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Nam, Hye Yeon, Corina Barbalata, **Brendan Harmon**, Hunter Gilbert, and Marcio de Queiroz. Robots in Nature: Creative Environmental Applications for Robotics. Collaborative Seminar Grant. LSU Center for Collaborative Knowledge. 2020-2021. \$3,500.

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Berkowitz, Zak et al. The Mixed Reality Garage: Labs for the Future of Art and Design. LSU Student Technology Fee. Louisiana State University. 2017-2018. \$116,559.

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| LA 2101 | Representation III | S 2018-2021 |
| LA 4008 | Adv. Topics Studio | F 2019-2020 |
| LA 4201 | Landscape Planning | F 2019-2020 |
| LA 7102 | Media II | S 2018-2021 |
| LA 7032 | Media III | S 2017-2021 |
| LA 7055 | GIS for Designers | F 2019-2021 |

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| LA 7031 | Water Systems Studio | F 2017-2018 |
| LA 7051 | Adv. Topics Studio I | F 2019-2021 |
| LA 7061 | Adv. Topics Studio II | S 2018-2019 |
| LA 7504 | Ecological Robotics | S 2019 |
| DART 7003 | Digital Humanities | F 2018 |