

School of Design and Community Development

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Degrees Offered

- Master of Landscape Architecture
- Master of Science
- Doctor of Philosophy

The School of Design and Community Development's primary mission is to prepare leaders, who influence the economic, social, aesthetic, and functional development of communities, states, and nations, dedicated to the improvement of quality of life for all members of society in harmony with the natural environment.

The School offers curricula in agricultural and extension education, design and merchandising, and landscape architecture. The mission of the agricultural and extension education program is to empower their majors for the choices and challenges of the twenty-first century. The faculty members in this program bring their love of the profession to students in an educational setting.

The graduate program in landscape architecture at WVU provides study opportunities for students entering the program from disciplines other than landscape architecture as well as advanced study opportunities for students who already have a design background. Our students work closely with faculty members and practicing professionals in the field to develop the skills essential to their professions and to examine the underlying theories on which they will ground their practice. The landscape architecture graduate program provides students with real world experiences and research opportunities. Graduate students are also exposed to faculty who have doctoral or advanced degrees in their field and who work collaboratively with national, state, and community agencies or organizations. Our faculty members are engaged in extensive research and are considered experts in their field of study.

FACULTY

DIRECTOR

- Peter Butler - M.L.A. (Iowa State)
Landscape Architecture - Cultural landscape planning and interpretation, Community design

PROFESSORS

- Michael J. Dougherty - Ph.D. (Virginia Tech)
Landscape Architecture-Environmental design and planning
- Judith Wasserman - M.L.A. and M.R.P. (Cornell University)
Designing healthy places, Urban Design, Historic landscape architecture preservation planning, Modernist landscapes, Cultural meaning and place-making

ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

- Jessica Blythe - Ph.D. (University of Florida)
Agricultural & Extension Education - Agricultural education, STEM education, Teaching methods, Effective teacher professional development, Quantitative and qualitative research methods
- Ronald Dulaney Jr. - M. Arch. (Virginia Tech)
Interior Design-Architectural design, Design and culture, Design media, Material and fabrication processes, Poetics of construction
- Hodjat Ghadimi - Ph.D. (Ohio State University)
Design Studies-Intelligent build environment, Innovation economics, Energy-environment-economy interaction modeling, Sustainable development planning, GeoDesign
- Vaike Haas - M.L.A. (University of Michigan)
Landscape Architecture - Native species, Stormwater management, Regional greenspace
- J. Chris Haddox - M.S. (West Virginia University)
Design Studies - LEED AP, Green advantage certified, Sustainable design and construction, Green building theory and practice
- Michael Hasenmyer - M.L.A. (North Carolina State University)
Landscape Architecture-Virtual simulation and design education
- Katie Baker Jones - Ph.D. (University of Missouri)
Fashion, Dress & Merchandising-Fashion media, Fashion studies, Sustainable fashion, Fashion as material culture
- Colleen Moretz - M.F.A. (Marywood University)

Fashion Design - Transformative and sustainable practices, Design process; experimental, couture, and market-oriented, Teaching methods-traditional and digital approaches

- Lee Mullett - M.S. (West Virginia University)
Interior Design - Teaching, Design
- Elisabeth Orr - M.L.A. (University of California, Berkeley)
Landscape Architecture-Vernacular and cultural landscape analysis and theory, Landscape architectural graphics and representation
- Stefania Staniscia - Ph.D. (IUAV University of Venezia, IT)
Landscape Architecture-Landscape Design with focus on brownfields and energy landscape

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

- Stacey Bowers - M. Arch (University of Illinois at Chicago)
Interior Architecture - teaching, Architecture and Design
- Debanjan Das - Ph.D. (University of Missouri)
Omni Channel Retailing, Global Issues and Fashion, Sustainability Issues in Fashion, Fashion Promotion and Merchandise Planning and Control
- Aaron J. Giorgi - Ph.D. (The Ohio State University)
Quality Teaching Pedagogy, Statistical Analysis, Quantitative and Qualitative Research, First-Generation College Student Success
- Danielle Grant
- Rachel Hendrix - Ph.D. (Mississippi State)
Agricultural & Extension Education - Agricultural education, Agricultural communications, STEM education, Teacher education, Teaching Methods
- Sunidhi Mehta - Ph.D. (Punjab Agricultural University)
Fashion, Dress & Merchandising - High-performance technical textiles; Consumer behavior; Artificial Intelligence and merchandising technologies for the fashion industry
- Craig Nelson - M.I.D. (North Carolina State University)
Design Studies-Designing consumer products, Industrial design, Prototyping, Brand identity
- Emily Perdue - Ph.D. (Texas A&M)
Agricultural & Extension Education-Extension Education, Leadership Development, Community Engagement, P-20 Education
- Haley Rosson - Ph.D. (Oklahoma State University)
Agricultural and Extension Education - Extension education, leadership, 4-H and youth development, ATV and shooting sports safety
- Elizabeth Shorrock - M.A. (Rhode Island School of Design)
Fashion, Dress & Merchandising-Sustainable Fashion, Textiles, Fashion Design, Farm to Fashion
- Angela Uriyo - Ph.D. (University of Missouri)
Fashion, Dress and Merchandising - Elements and principles of design, Fashion Illustration and Technical Design, Apparel Production, Patternmaking, and Functional Design

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

- Elijah Pollard - M.F.A. (SUNY)
Fashion, Dress & Merchandising-Fine arts, Design

PROFESSORS EMERITI

- Donald R. Armstrong
- Deborah Boone
- Stacy Gartin
- William H. Hagerty
- Mary Rose Jones
- Harry Boone, Jr.
- Layle D. Lawrence
- Marian B. Liddell
- George W. Longenecker
- Nora MacDonald
- Kerry Odell
- Janice Yeager
- Charles Yuill