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Education

- 2014 **Doctor of Philosophy in Design, Construction and Planning**
University of Florida | Department of Urban and Regional Planning
- 2010 **Certificate in International Sustainable Construction**
University of Florida | M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management
- 2005 **Master of Fine Arts in Interior Design**
Florida State University
- 2003 **Bachelor of Science in Interior Design**
Florida State University

Certifications

 **American Institute of Certified Planners**
American Planning Association
2018-Present

 **LEED-Accredited Professional BD+C**
Green Building Certification Institute
2009-Present

Current Positions

Principal Planner 2016-Present
Division of Special Projects and Outreach
Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department

- Project Management
- Emergency Operations Plans Section Unit Leader
- Operational Budget Administration
- Procurement Processing & Selection
- Public Outreach and Engagement Lead

Adjunct Lecturer 2015-Present
Department of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Florida

- Instructor for the MAURP Online Program
- Curriculum Development for Studio

Current Board Position

Tallahassee Architectural Review Board 2016-Present
Providing recommendations on historic designations and issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for contributing properties as the regulating entity of The Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation

Professional Affiliations

- 2009-Present American Planning Association
2018-Present Urban Land Institute
2013-2015 Society for American City and Regional Planning History
2009-2015 Environmental Design Research Association

Previous Experience

Land Use Planner I 2015-2016*

Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department
Current Planning/Land Use Division

- Development Application Reviews
 - Rezoning and PUD Application Reviews
 - Land Development Code Amendments
 - Planning and City Commission Presentations
 - DesignWorks Urban Design Studio Contributor
 - Community Meeting Facilitator
- *Promoted to Principal Planner after 12 months*

Graduate Instructor 2012-2014*

Department of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Florida

- e-Learning Instructor for *Cities of the World*
 - Supervision of one Graduate Teaching Assistant
- *Promoted to Adjunct Lecturer upon Graduation*

Adjunct Faculty 2005-2012

Department of Interior Design
Florida State University

- Teaching Design Technology and Sustainability
- Supervising Graduate Teaching Assistants
- Instructing 3 Courses per Semester
- Co-Chair of Undergraduate Honors Thesis

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2010

Department of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Florida

- Teaching Assistant to Prof. Christopher Silver
- Assistant in the Office of the Associate Provost

Graphic Designer 2005-2010

Centurion Consultant Group [Later HDR | ICA]
Tallahassee, FL

- Graphics for Transportation Management Contracts
- Marketing and Web Design
- Content Editor for Public-Private Partnership Bids

Interior Design Intern 2003; 2005

MLD Architects
Tallahassee, FL

- Residential and Commercial Design
- 3D Modeling and Hand-Rendering
- Contract Documentation
- Site Analysis and Building Surveys
- Design Specifications and Client Consultations

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2003-2005*

Department of Interior Design
Florida State University

- CAD Lab Supervisor and Plotting Assistant
 - CAD I and II Graduate Teaching Assistant
 - CAD II Instructor
- *Promoted to Adjunct Faculty upon Graduation*

Courses Taught

eLearning	URP6341	Urban Planning Project	University of Florida
	URP6203	Planning Research Design	University of Florida
	URP6100	Planning Theory & History	University of Florida
	URP3001	Cities of the World	University of Florida

Lectures	IND5628	Sustainable Design	Florida State University
	IDS2935	What is the Good Life?	University of Florida
Technology	IND5476	Computer-Aided Design I	Florida State University
	IND3470	Construction Documents	Florida State University
	IND3469	Computer-Aided Design II	Florida State University
Studios	IND4243	Design Studio IV	Florida State University
	IND1204	Design Fundamentals II	Florida State University
	IND1203	Design Fundamentals I	Florida State University
CEUs	Placemaking with Purpose		ASLA FL 2022 Webinar
	The Art of the Napkin Sketch Workshop		APA FL 2019 Conference and Tallahassee-Thomasville CNU

Specialized Skills

Emergency Management	SERT-trained Plans Section Unit Leader with activation experience in the Leon County Emergency Operations Center for declared State of Emergency weather events and civil unrest events. Experience includes preparation of Incident Action Plans, documentation, resource tracking, and Demobilization Plans for inter-agency activations.
Visualization Technology	Versed in design, construction and planning software including AutoCAD, Revit, Autodesk Max, Photoshop and Sketchup for 3D rendering and visualization. Skilled in using digital and social media for marketing and web content development for local government and non-profit organizations.
Administration	Experienced in operational budget administration for a planning department with five divisions and an annual budget of over \$3,000,000. Experienced in coordinating with Financial Management, Procurement, and Human Resources departments for project budgeting, contracts, and staff resources.
Current Planning	Certified planner with experience drafting policy and land development regulations for City and County governments. Development of planning research and analysis, and presentations for Boards, Commissions, citizens committees, and public hearings.

Research and Presentations

Publication

Harbin & Larsen, “Communitarian Regionalism in India: How Lessons from the New Deal Greenbelt Town Program Translated to Post-World War II India” *Planning Perspectives*, 2017

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

American Planning Association Florida 2022

Leavins, Harbin, & Duncan, “Engaging with Diverse Communities: Examples from the City of Tallahassee’s Southside Action Plan”

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida 2022

Floyd, Leavins, Harbin, & Duncan, “Turning Challenges into Opportunities: Embracing Virtual Design and Collaboration Tools for Advancing Professional Practice in a Post-COVID World”

American Society of Landscape Architects Florida 2021

Floyd, Leavins, Harbin, & Duncan, “Placemaking with Purpose: Engaging Diverse Citizen Groups in the Planning Process”

American Planning Association Florida 2019

Harbin, Leavins, & Floyd, “The Rising Tide of Public Participation in Placemaking: A Cross-Case Comparison of two Placemaking Initiatives in the City of Tallahassee”

American Planning Association Florida 2019

Hawkins & Harbin, “Raising Fingerlings into Adult Fish in New Waters: How two Professional Planners are Adapting Planning Studio Courses for Online Instruction at the University of Florida”

International Planning History Society 2014

Harbin & Larsen, “American Regionalism in India: How Lessons from the New Deal Greenbelt Town Program Translated to Post-World War II India”

Society for American City and Regional Planning 2013

Harbin, “An American Planner in India: Albert Mayer’s Postwar Planning for Inner-Democratization in Indian Villages from 1946-1957”

Interior Design Educators Council 2011

Harbin, “Connecting Place and Technology in Contemporary Green Building Design: Enhancing LEED Building Certification with Vernacular Design”

Interior Design Educators Council 2011

Panelist, “Building Information Modeling and Sustainability: Bringing Design Disciplines Together or Maintaining the Status Quo?”

Interior Design Educators Council 2010

Harbin, “The Symbolist Aesthetic: Exploring Charles Rennie Mackintosh’s Use of Spatial Narratives in the Modern Interior”

Interior Design Educators Council 2010

Harbin, “Integrating Vernacular Architectural Knowledge into Green Building Design and Certification”

Environmental Design Research Association 2010

Harbin, “Impacts of Green Building Assessment on Historic Preservation in the United States”

Environmental Design Research Association 2009

Harbin, “Creating a Sense of Community in Urban Transit-Oriented Developments”

Invited Speaking Engagements

Leon County School Board District Advisory Council 2022

Guest Speaker, “Major Developments”

Leadership Tallahassee Membership Luncheon 2021
Panelist, “Development and Projects Impacting the Community”

Access Tallahassee Power Lunch Presenters 2021
Harbin & Leavins, “Your Tallahassee: People and Places that Drive Development”

American Planning Association Florida – Capital Area Section 2020
Moderator, “Zombie Subdivisions: Local Tales on Resurrecting Dead Developments”

Florida State University Global and Public Affairs Learning Community 2020
Guest Speaker, “Sustainable Development”

Florida State University Urban Design and Land Use Planning Classes 2018-2019
Guest Speaker, “Planning Process and Public Participation in Tallahassee and Leon County”
Guest Speaker, “Land Use Planning and Community Engagement in Tallahassee and Leon County”

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity 2018
Leader, “Gaines Street District Mobile Planning Workshop” and “Historic Frenchtown Mobile Planning Workshop”

League of Women Voters Tallahassee 2018
Invited Speaker, “Planning Participation Workshop for Local Governance”

SciGirls Tallahassee 2017
Invited Speaker, “Women in Planning” for Leon County Schools STEM Education Program

Grants & Honors

Grants

Cornell University - Clarence S. Stein Institute Research Fellowship 2013-2014
Grant to Support Research on Post-WWII American Planning in India

University of Chicago - Platzman Memorial Research Fellowship 2012-2013
Grant to Support Research at the Special Collections Research Center

University of Florida - Prairie Project Initiative Graduate Fellowship 2011
Honorarium and Stipend to Support Individual Sustainability Research and Teaching

Awards

University of Florida - Graduate Academic Achievement Award Nominee 2015
Department of Urban and Regional Planning Candidate

Society for American City and Regional Planning History 2013
SACRPH Student Travel Award

Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association 2011
Student Project Award for Pinellas County Post-Disaster Redevelopment and Action Plans Team Project

Florida State University - Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee 2005; 2007

Service

Professional Service

American Planning Association FL Capital Area Section 2019-Present

Section Board Member, Professional Development Officer

Delivering AICP CM content in partnership with other professional organization chapters of CNU Tallahassee-Thomasville, ASLA FL, and WTS Capital Area

ULI UrbanPlan Facilitator and Council Member 2018-Present

Urban Land Institute Real Estate Development and Planning Practicum for High Schools and Universities

Mentor a Planning Student Program Mentor 2017-Present

American Planning Association Florida, Capital Area Section and Florida State University

CNU Florida Virtual Summit Planning Committee 2020

Florida Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

American Planning Association 2016

National Conference Selection Committee Member for Sustainability and New Urbanism

Environmental Design Research Association 2014-2015

Program Committee Member

Journal of Planning History 2013

Guest Article Reviewer

Environmental Design Research Association 2011-2012

Conference Abstract Reviewer

Interior Design Educators Council 2010

Conference Abstract Reviewer

Community Service

Pas de Vie Ballet Company 2018-2020

Fundraising, Event Coordination, and Costume Design for Community Performances

Habitat for Humanity of the Big Bend 2018

City of Tallahassee Home Construction Volunteer Team Member

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend 2015-2017

Mentor 2.0 Program – Big Sister Mentor to Amos P. Godby High School Student

Online Mentorship Program Utilizing Learning Management Software and Monthly School Visits

The Tallahassee Ballet Board of Directors 2016-2017

Board Member

Guild Chair – Volunteer Guild and Fundraising Event Coordination