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Climbing the Ladder of Adaptation

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LECTURER OF PRACTICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
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PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF DESIGN
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LEOB FELLOW 2016, HARVARD GSD
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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MCIP, RPP, AFFILIATE ASLA
RYERSON UNIVERSITY
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New Coastal Urban Infrastructures:
Recent work by Local Office Landscape and Urban Design
Elisabeth M. Hamin’s current research focuses on the intersection of climate change, municipal planning, infrastructure, and regionalism. She previously taught at Iowa State University (1995-2001), and holds a Ph.D. from the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania (1997) and a Master of Management from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University (1986). She has authored or co-authored more than 30 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and three books, plus numerous reports with her students, and is currently PI on an NSF grant on resilient infrastructure (http://www.resilient-infrastructure.org).
Sasaki’s Urban Studio is dedicated to the improvement of quality of life in American cities through rigorous planning, exceptional design and strong community partnerships. Gina’s work encompasses a wide range of scales and project types—from public parks and plazas to large scale landscape planning and waterfront projects. She brings to each project a passion for the process of making vibrant landscape spaces. Her work includes the Flood Recovery Planning for Cedar Rapids, the Council Bluffs Riverfront, and the Chicago Riverwalk. Gina’s experience is additionally informed by extensive research, writing, travel, teaching and competitions. Her teaching includes guest critic and studio instructor roles at the Harvard Design School, MIT, RISD and the University of Nebraska. With degrees in Architecture from Wellesley College and Landscape Architecture from Harvard, she was the recipient of Wellesley’s Shaw Fellowship, the Janet Darling Webel Prize, the Charles Eliot Travelling Fellowship and the Hyde Chair of Excellence at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
Planners and landscape architects help build and transform communities. Skilled professional leadership, strong planning and design programs, and deep community engagement are all critical to this transformation. Equally important is to identify the right time for community change. This talk will explore how we identify when the time is right and how we can influence that timing.

Wayne Feiden led Northampton to earn the nation’s first 5-STAR Community rating for sustainability and the highest “Commonwealth Capital” score, the former Massachusetts scoring of municipal sustainability efforts, as well as “Bicycle-Friendly,” “Pedestrian-Friendly,” “APA Great Streets,” and “National Historic Trust Distinctive Communities” designations. In this role, he has helped address transportation, amenities, land use and other aspects of downtown revitalization.

He has authored American Planning Association PAS Reports on Local Agency Planning Management (in press), Assessing Sustainability, Planning Issues of Onsite and Decentralized Wastewater, and Performance Guarantees. Wayne’s German Marshall Fund fellowship (Northern Ireland, England and Denmark), Fulbright Specialist fellowships (South Africa and New Zealand), and Eisenhower Fellowship (Hungary) all focused on urban revitalization and sustainability.
Robert Yaro is an Honorary Lifetime member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and Honorary Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He has co-authored two books and numerous journal articles, and has received awards from the American Planning Association, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the American Institute of Architects and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He was educated at Wesleyan and Harvard Universities and lives with his wife, Susan, in Guilford, CT.

For more than four decades Robert Yaro has led city and regional planning and large landscape preservation initiatives in New York, New England and around the world. And he has also taught urban and regional planning at the graduate level since 1984. From 1976-84 he served as Chief Planner and Deputy Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, where he preserved tens of thousands of acres of open space, planned the Boston Harbor Islands State Park, restored the Walden Pond State Reservation, developed 14 Urban Heritage Parks, and initiated plans for what became the Lowell National Historic Park and Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor. He also established programs to restore Olmsted-design parks and town commons across the Commonwealth. And from 1972-76 he served as a planner at the Boston Redevelopment Authority, where he participated in efforts to restore the Boston Common, build several new waterfront and neighborhood parks and stabilize and restore Boston’s historic Dorchester neighborhood.
Richard T. T. Forman is a Research Professor at Harvard University where he teaches ecology in the Graduate School of Design, and formerly also taught in Harvard College. His primary scholarly interest is linking science with spatial pattern to interweave nature and people on the land. Often considered to be a “father” of landscape ecology and of road ecology, he also helps spearhead urban ecology. Other research interests include changing land mosaics, conservation and land-use planning, towns, and a netway system for transportation. He received a Haverford College B.S., University of Pennsylvania Ph.D., and two honorary doctoral degrees. He formerly taught at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, University of Wisconsin and Rutgers University, and received the Lindback Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching. He served as president or vice-president of three professional societies, and has received awards and honors in France, Colombia, England, Italy, China, Czech Republic, Australia, and the USA. Internationally, he deciphers widespread spatial patterns of nature and people, and catalyzes the flow of ideas in ecological science and related fields for society. Professor Forman has authored numerous articles; his books include Landscape Ecology (1986), the award-winning Land Mosaics (1995), Landscape Ecology Principles in Landscape Architecture and Land-Use Planning (1996), Road Ecology (2003), Mosaico territorial para la región metropolitana de Barcelona (2004), Urban Regions: Ecology and Planning Beyond the City (2008), and Urban Ecology: Science of Cities (2014).
Our recent experience of urban and social transformation (achieved and ongoing) that has taken place in Medellín Colombia in the last years has allowed us not only to experiment within the different disciplinary core of urbanism, architecture and landscape, but also as a way to create practical tools and scopes to deal with urban and social affairs within politics. Most of this operation has taken place in marginalized neighborhoods, with the objective of making viable a more sustainable model of performance from a social and physical-environmental perspective.

Alejandro believes in the ethical responsibility of designers with our cities in contributing towards a better society. Is cofounder and Director of urbam, the Center for Urban and Environmental Studies at EAFIT University. As the City’s Director of Urban Projects, led the conceptualization and implementation of Social Urbanism strategy for the cities most impoverished areas. Because of these efforts and the belief in the power of design, Medellin is now considered a blueprint for the future of other cities in the developing world.

He is also active in design through his studio, Alejandro Echeverri + Valencia Arquitectos, focusing on projects with low environmental impact.

His work has earned the Colombian National Architectural Award SCA in 1996, the Pan-American Biennale in Urban Design Award 2008, the Curry Stone Design Prize in 2009, the 10th Veronica Rudge Green Prize in Urban Design from Harvard in 2013.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 24
Join us for reception immediately following panel
5pm - High Horse - Downtown Amherst

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Resilience Beyond Rhetoric: Design for a New Sustainability

Nina-Marie Lister
MCIP, RPP, HONORARY ASLA
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, RYERSON UNIVERSITY

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Nina-Marie Lister is Graduate Program Director and Associate Professor in the School of Urban + Regional Planning at Ryerson University in Toronto. From 2010-2014, she was Visiting Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture + Urban Planning at Harvard University, Graduate School of Design. A Registered Professional Planner (MCIP, RPP) trained in ecology, environmental science and landscape planning, she is the founding principal of PLANDFORM, a creative studio practice exploring the relationship between landscape, ecology, and urbanism. Prof. Lister’s research, teaching and practice focus on the confluence of landscape infrastructure and ecological processes within contemporary metropolitan regions, with a particular focus on resilience and adaptive systems design. At Ryerson University, Lister founded and directs the Ecological Design Lab, a collaborative innovation incubator for ecological design research and practice, and an experimental generator in rapid prototyping for resilience. She is a member of the Ryerson Urban Water Centre where she contributes work on flood-friendly design and resilient water infrastructure. She is coeditor of Projective Ecologies (with Chris Reed, Harvard and ACTAR Press, 2014) and The Ecosystem Approach: Complexity, Uncertainty, and Managing for Sustainability (with David Waltner-Toews and the late James Kay, Columbia University Press, 2008), and author of more than 40 professional practice and scholarly publications the developing world. These include recent contributions to Is Landscape... Essays on the Identity of Landscape (Routledge 2016), Ecological Urbanism (Harvard GSD with Lars Müller Publishers 2010), and Large Parks (Princeton Architectural Press 2008, winner of the J.B. Jackson Book Prize).

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New Coastal Urban Infrastructures: Recent Work in Landscape and Urban Design

Water Meyer and Jennifer Bolstad
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Thursday, April 7

Walter Meyer, co-founder of Local Office Landscape and Urban Design, has been recognized for leadership in coastal resiliency by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the White House. Meyer studied Landscape Architecture at the University of Florida and Urban Design at Harvard's Graduate School of Design. He teaches at Columbia University.

Jennifer Bolstad is a Landscape Architect and co-founder of Local Office Landscape and Urban Design. She teaches at the Pratt Institute and holds degrees from Harvard College and Harvard Graduate School of Design. Her research and practice concentration is coastal landscapes at all scales, operating between infrastructure, urbanism and ecology.

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