

# STEVE AUSTIN, JD, ASLA

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## academic positions

**CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**, Landscape Architecture,  
School of Design and Construction, Washington State University,  
8/13 – present

### TEACHING:

LA 485 Landscape Architecture Capstone Studio  
LA 470 Landscape Architectural Design V (Senior Studio)  
Integrated Design Research Studio (LA 470, ARCH 570 and 525, ID 425)  
LA 450 Principles and Practice of Urban Planning  
LA 363 Landscape Architectural Design IV  
CM 362 Principles and Practices of Construction Law  
LA 362 Landscape Architectural Design III  
LA 327 Theory in Landscape Architecture  
LA 263 Landscape Architectural Design II  
LA 262 Landscape Architectural Design I  
LA 222 Landscape Architecture Field Experience  
SDC 140 Foundation Design Studio  
SDC 100 World of Design and Construction

### SERVICE

**Interim Program Head**, Landscape Architecture, 1/17 – 5/17

**Member, Leadership Team**, School of Design and Construction 1/17- 5/17

### Faculty Mentor:

LA 485 Capstone Landscape Architecture Projects  
Graduate Architecture and Landscape Architecture Thesis Committees

### Faculty Advisor:

Community Design Team  
ASLA Student Chapter  
Alpha Rho Chi Public Art Project

### Faculty Guest Lectures (recurring):

Law and Design, Professional Practice ARCH 473  
Global Implications of the Anthropocene, Materials ID 223  
Green Infrastructure, ARCH 250  
Urban Planning, CM 102  
Landscape Architecture Practice, SDC 100  
Portfolio/Resume Development, School wide

### Faculty Member:

Landscape Architecture Program Strategic Planning  
Landscape Architecture Recruitment  
Chair, Landscape Architecture and Interior Design Faculty Search Committee  
Member, Architecture Faculty Search Committee  
Graduate and Undergraduate Portfolio Competition Committee  
School of Design and Construction Student Policies Committee  
School of Design and Construction Guest Lecture Committee  
Graduate and Undergraduate Scholarship Committee  
WSU Campus Landscape Advisory Committee

WSU Tree Committee

Showcase for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities, Judge

**ADJUNCT FACULTY**, Landscape Architecture Dept., University of Kentucky, 8/89 – 5/12

**Co-Teaching:** LA 975 Landscape Architecture Design Studio VII, (Capstone Course, Community and Regional Planning), LA 842 Landscape Architecture Design Studio VI (Urban Design)

**GUEST LECTURER**, College of Law, University of Kentucky, 2000 – 2006

**VISITING LECTURER**, University of Kentucky, College of Design, Master of Historic Preservation Program, 2003

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT**, Thomas Nieman, Ph.D., FASLA, University of Kentucky, 1985-86

professional  
positions

**FOUNDER/OWNER**, SdA + Associates, LLC. Land Planning + Design, 1989 – present

**FOUNDING DIRECTOR, LEGACY CENTER /VICE PRESIDENT**,

Bluegrass Community Foundation, Lexington, Ky., 4/08 – 7/12

**PRESIDENT/CEO**, Bluegrass Tomorrow, Lexington, Ky., 2/00 – 3/08

(Regional Planner, 3/97 – 2/00)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**, Georgetown-Scott-Joint Planning Commission,

Georgetown, Ky., 6/92 - 8/96

(Assistant Planner, 3/89 - 6/92)

**PROJECT MANAGER**, Darby and Way, Inc., Pompano Beach, Florida, 11/87 - 2/89

**SITE DESIGNER/LAND USE PLANNER**, Heilbron Associates, Lexington, Ky., 5/85 – 9/87

education

**JURIS DOCTOR**, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky, 1999

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**, University of Kentucky, 1987

**TRANSITION TOWN PLANNING STUDY**, Europe 2012 - 2013

**SOCIAL MEDIA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**, Annenberg School for

Communication & Journalism, A Knight Foundation Workshop,

University of Southern California, Fall 2011

**LEADERSHIP SCOTT COUNTY**, (Kentucky), 1993

**CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN**, Florida Attorney  
General's Office, 1988

**CHINA/JAPAN EXCHANGE STUDY**, University of Kentucky, 1986

professional  
affiliations

**American Society of Landscape Architects**

**American Planning Association**

**Kentucky Bar Association**

awards and  
recognition  
(selected)

**Outstanding Teaching Award, Landscape Architecture**, School of Design and  
Construction, Washington State University, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

**Nominated - Martin Luther King Distinguished Service Award in the category of  
Faculty**, Washington State University, 2015

**Landscape Preservation Award**, Bluegrass Trust for Historic Preservation, Team Member,  
2015

**Legacy Trail Dedication Plaque** – *"With gratitude to Steve Austin and  
Beth Willmott whose leadership helped make the Legacy Trail possible  
from the Staff and Board of the Bluegrass Community Foundation"*, 2012, Lexington Ky.

**Bluegrass Connector**, *"Trusted leaders who get things done..."* -

Public nomination process; 5000 names submitted, one of 138 chosen from

Lexington, Ky. Metro Region, 2012

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Award**, *"In Recognition of Your Efforts of Promoting Dr. King's Dream of Unity within the Lexington Community"*

presented by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, 2011, Lead Team Member, Lexington, Ky.

**Project of the Year**, Legacy Trail, Mid-America Trails and Greenways, 2011, Team Member, Lexington, Ky.

**Commissioned Colonel, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels**, for service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, 2009

**Resolution of Appreciation** – Bluegrass Tomorrow Board of Directors, 2008

**Practice Honor Award**, Urban Design - Southend Village, Lexington Ky., American Society Landscape Architects, Ky. Chapter, 2005, Team Member

**Environmental Commission Award** – Ashland Park Reforestation Plan, Lexington-Fayette County Urban Government, 2005, Team Member

**Best Oral Argument** - Moot Court Board, University of Kentucky College of Law, 1997

**Resolution of Appreciation** - Resolution #96-08, City of Georgetown, Ky., 1996

**Excellence in Community Service** - National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1994

**Winner, "Public Landscapes of America," Design Competition - Landscape Architecture Magazine**, 1994

**Highest Honors Award**, 1991 Georgetown-Scott County Comprehensive Plan – American Planning Association, Ky. Chapter, 1991

**National Honor Award** - American Society of Landscape Architects, Student, 1987

**Outstanding Landscape Architecture Student** - University of Kentucky, 1986

**Outstanding Landscape Architecture History and Theory Student** - University of Kentucky, 1985

**Undergraduate Dean's List** - University of Kentucky: 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986

**Undergraduate Academic Scholarships** – University of Kentucky: 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987

built urban/  
community  
design

**The Legacy Trail** - Lexington, Ky.

**Yuko-En, The Official Kentucky-Japan Friendship Garden** - Georgetown, Ky.

**Royal Spring Park** - Georgetown, Ky.

**South End Park** – Lexington, Ky.

**Main and Rose Plaza** - Lexington, Ky.

**Old Todd's Road Townhouses** - Lexington, Ky.

**Ashland Park Neighborhood Urban Forestry Plan** - Lexington, Ky.

**East End Neighborhood Urban Forestry Plan** - Lexington, Ky.

**Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden** - Lexington, Ky.

**Signature Estates** - Traditional Neighborhood, Lexington, Ky.

**Wooldridge** - New Urban Neighborhood, Versailles, Ky.

**Scott County Courthouse Memorial Plaza** - Georgetown, Ky.

**Born Learning Trail**, Lexington, Ky.

**Main Street Master Design Plan** - Georgetown, Ky.

**Elkhorn Creek Greenway** - Scott County, Ky.

**M.L. King Park** - Georgetown, Ky.

**U.S. 460 and 62 Corridor Enhancement Plan** - Georgetown, Ky.

**Meditation Garden** - Carlisle Catholic Church, Carlisle Ky.

**Coordinated Entry Sign Program** - Georgetown, Ky.

**Village on the Green** - Conservation Development, Jessamine County, Ky.

**Patchen Wilkes** - New Urban Neighborhood, Lexington, Ky.

Numerous completed private garden landscapes and proposed site projects

professional  
planning  
studies  
(selected)

**48 Mile Greenway, Fitness for Life Around Grant County**, Grant County, Kentucky  
**Street Reclamation: An Independent Review**, Totnes, England, U.K.

**Bluegrass Regional Plan**, Bluegrass Tomorrow

**Legacy Trail Public Art Master Plan**, Plan Coordinator, (Bressi & Levy, Authors)

**Jenkins, Kentucky Relocalization Plan**, Consultant to KY League of Cities

**New City Moscow, Idaho; A Vision for the Future**, New Cities Institute

**Revenue Sharing Options for the Bluegrass**, Bluegrass Tomorrow

**Bluegrass Corridor Management Planning Handbook, Coordinator**, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (Gladding-Jackson, author)

**Bluegrass Tomorrow Community Design Handbook** – Coordinator, (UDA Architects, author)

**Base Realignment Plan, Land Use Visioning Element**, U.S. Department of Defense, Fort Knox, Kentucky

**Mayfield, Kentucky Downtown and Greenway Plan**, Consultant to KY League of Cities

**Dawson Springs, Kentucky Downtown Plan**, Consultant to KY League of Cities

**Williamstown, Kentucky Comprehensive Plan**, Consultant to KY League of Cities

**Greensburg, Kentucky Strategic Plan**, Consultant to KY League of Cities

**East End Small Area Plan**, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky

**Bluegrass Innovision 2018**, Bluegrass Tomorrow

**New City Madisonville/Hopkins County; A vision for the Future**, New Cities Institute, Madisonville/Hopkins County, Kentucky

**Bluegrass Regional Economic Analysis**, Bluegrass Tomorrow

**A Global Homeplace: A 21<sup>st</sup> century plan for Economic Development, Environmental Protection, and Quality of Life in the Valley of Troublesome Creek**, Knott County, Ky.

**Pendleton County, Kentucky, Comprehensive Plan**

**New City Morehead; A Vision for the Future**, New Cities Institute, Morehead, Kentucky

**Connections: Understanding Our Region**, Bluegrass Tomorrow

**Regional Coordination Element**, Versailles/Midway/Woodford County Kentucky Comprehensive Plan, 1st in Kentucky

**Suburban Evolution**, Bluegrass Tomorrow

**A Bluegrass of Parking Lots: Over-parking and what to do about it**, Bluegrass Tomorrow

**Lessons in Redevelopment: Building Great Downtowns**, Bluegrass Tomorrow

**Bluegrass Choices**, Bluegrass Tomorrow

**Trend v. Vision Development**, Madison County, Kentucky

**Issue Statement**, Bluegrass Tomorrow Agricultural Task Force

**Trend Implications Element** - Bluegrass Tomorrow Regional Plan

**Georgetown/Sadieville/Stamping Ground/Scott County Kentucky Comprehensive Plan**

guided  
student  
work  
(selected)

**Coeur d'Alene Tribe Tribute Park**, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 2016

**Swenson Park**, Community Design Team, Potlatch, Idaho, *ASLA Merit Award*, Washington State Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects, 2016

**MosaiCity, Smart City Spokane, Integrated Design Research Studio**, *ASLA Honor Award*, Washington State Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects, 2016

**Palouse Bioregional Plan**, Washington State University, 2013

**Flight 93 National Memorial: Site Master Plan**, National Park Service, Shanksville Pennsylvania, 2012

**Georgetown/Scott County, Kentucky: A Comprehensive Plan**, 2011

**Beyond the Legacy Trail: A plan for a regional trail system in the Bluegrass**, 2010; *Honor Award*, Student Project, American Planning Association, Kentucky Chapter

**Russelville/Logan County, Kentucky Comprehensive Plan**, 2009

**Bluegrass Corridors: Windows to the Future**, 2008

**Owen County, Kentucky Community Plan**, 2007

**Franklin/Simpson County, Kentucky: Vision Plan**, 2006

**Pendleton County, Kentucky: Planning for the Future**, 2005

**Oldham County, Kentucky: A Plan to Create The Most Livable Community in Kentucky**, 2004

**Footprints for Tomorrow: A Plan for Washington County, Kentucky's Future**, 2003

**Legacy Plan: A Vision for Mercer County, Kentucky**, 2002

**Harlan County, Kentucky 2001 Plan**, 2001

**Elliott County, Kentucky Heritage Plan**, 2000; *Special Recognition Award*, American Society of Landscape Architects, Kentucky Chapter

**The Bluegrass: A Finite Resource**, 1999; *Honor Award*, Student Project, American Planning Association, Kentucky Chapter

**A Plan for the Future: Columbia and Adair County, Kentucky**, 1998

technical  
planning  
documents

Subdivision and Development Regulations  
Zoning Ordinances  
Cluster Subdivision Ordinances  
Small Area Plans and Ordinances  
Urban Service Boundary Expansion Planning Guides  
Historic Preservation Ordinances  
Transportation Plans

books

Steve Austin, Kalantari S., Griechen D., Theodorson J., **WSU IDR Studios: Smart City**, Washington State University, Pullman, WA (198 pages), 2015

Steve Austin, **No Other Place: *The Reality of Limits and Our Local Future***, working draft, 2016.

Steve Austin, **Planning A Great Region: Collected Essays 1998-2006**, published by Bluegrass Tomorrow, Lexington, Kentucky, 2006

peer-reviewed  
book chapter

Lee, B.D., J. Adams, and S.D. Austin. **The Landscape Tension Index**. In T. Mueller, G. Sassenrath, & S. Shearer (Eds.), *GIS Applications for Agriculture, Volume 4 – Conservation Planning*. Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press 2015

planning + design  
commentary  
(selected)

**Can We Get To Zero?**, Landscape Architecture Magazine, June, 2017

**Regional Economic Development Crucial for Bright Future**, Lexington Ky Herald-Leader, Sunday, 3/30/15 (Sunday Circulation approx. 360,000)

**Local is the New Global**, Kentucky League of Cities Magazine, July 2011

**Turn Bluegrass into Nation's Green Center**, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday 5/30/05

**Southend Park**, S. Austin and E. Holmes, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday 2/15/04

**Problems Cross County Lines; So Must Planning**, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday 2/1/04

**Are Cities Obsolete?** Kentucky League of Cities Magazine, Fall 2003

***PDR a Building Block For Economic Success***, Lexington Herald-Leader, 7/28/03  
***Housing Boom Moves to the Country***, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday, 5/18/03  
***Counties Must Work Together or Fall Apart***, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday, 9/01/02  
***A Renaissance for Lexington***, Chevy Chaser Magazine, April, 2002  
***Variety of Projects Prove that Developers can Build Friendly, Inviting Neighborhoods***,  
Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday, 11/25/01  
***Planning is Essential for the Future of Cities***, Kentucky League of Cities Magazine, 2001  
***The Growth Dilemma***, Kentucky Journal, Kentucky Center for Public Issues, University of  
Louisville, Spring 2001  
***Planning to Stay – Parts I & II***, Chevy Chaser Magazine, April, June, 2001  
***Turning Urban Brownfields into Vibrant Streetscapes***, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday,  
05/27/01  
***PDR Will Help Preserve Our Rural Heritage***, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday 07/21/00  
***Growth By Design***, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday, 05/28/00  
***Growing Wisely - Our Way***, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday 11/30/97  
***Before It Was Neo***, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday, 6/8/97  
***Planning Seen Through Longer Lens***, Lexington Herald-Leader, Sunday 1/26/97  
***Learning From Georgetown***, Herald Dispatch, Huntington, W.Va. 4/28/96  
***Citizens Can And Should Lead The Planning Process***, published by Lexington Herald-  
Leader, Sunday 2/25/96  
***What Kind of Town? Lexington's Paradox of Limited Growth and Rural Preservation***,  
published by Lexington Herald Leader, Sunday 2/2/95

legal  
scholarship

**Planning for Kentucky**, A Critical Analysis of K.R.S. 100 – Thesis, College of Law,  
University of Kentucky, 1999  
**Conservation Easements: Hope for the Bluegrass?**, Tax Policy Seminar, College of Law,  
University of Kentucky, 1998.

published  
recognition

**The New Civic Art: Elements of Town Planning**, Duany, et al., Rizzoli, 2003.  
**Smart Growth is Smart Business**, NALGEP/Smart Growth Leadership Institute, 2006.  
**Lost Bluegrass: History of a Vanishing Landscape**, Driestadt, The History Press of  
Charleston, S.C., 2011.  
**Planting a Sustainable Community: An Organic History of New Pioneers for a  
Sustainable Future**, McGowan, St. Catherine College (KY), 2010.

academic  
lectures

**Welcome to the Anthropocene: What will it mean for practice?"**  
Keynote, Washington Society of Landscape Architects Annual Convention,  
April, 2016  
**Of Bird's Nests and Beaver Dams: Landscape Architecture in the Anthropocene**,  
Presented at the Washington Society of Landscape Architects Annual Convention,  
May, 2015  
**Of Bird's Nests and Beaver Dams: Landscape Architecture in the Anthropocene**,  
Presented at the *Anthropocene: Confronting Global Environmental Change and Hazardous  
Worlds* conference, Washington State University, April 2015  
**Of Bird's Nests and Beaver Dams: Landscape Architecture in the Anthropocene**,  
Presented at the Kentucky Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects Annual  
Conference, March, 2015  
**Landscape Architecture in the Anthropocene: A New Definition of Beauty**,

Presented at the Idaho Nurseryman's Association Annual Conference, February, 2015  
**Rethinking Design: The College of Design at 40**, University of Kentucky, 2012  
**The Evolution of Suburbia**, Spring Lecture Series, Inaugural and Closing Speaker,  
University of Kentucky Landscape Architecture Department, 2002  
**New Urban Cities**, Clemson University, 2002  
**Urban Growth Boundaries**, Segoe Debate Series, University of Cincinnati, 2001

public  
presentations  
(selected)

**Campus Community Forum**, Washington State University, 2015  
**KY Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Convention**, Lexington,  
Kentucky, 2011  
**Southern Municipal League Annual Conference**, Keynote, Lexington, Kentucky, 2011  
**Kentucky League of Cities Annual Convention**, Keynote, Lexington, Kentucky, 2010  
**Creative Cities Summit, Presenter and Moderator**, Lexington, Kentucky, 2010  
**Kentucky League of Cities Annual Convention**, 1998, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007  
**Over 500 Presentations as President of Bluegrass Tomorrow**: Governors, state  
government officials, local governments, chambers of commerce, university presidents,  
leadership organizations, planning commissions, students, civic clubs, etc. 2000-2008  
**Land, Food & Culture: Creating Sustainability Where You Live**, Lexington, Kentucky, 2007  
**The Ohio River Bridges Project Smart Growth Conference**, Louisville, Kentucky, 2006  
**Downtown Development in Kentucky**, Lorman Seminar, Lexington, Kentucky, 2005  
**New Urbanism in the Bluegrass**, Host and Keynote, 2005  
**American Farmland Trust Annual Convention**, Lexington, Kentucky, 2005  
**Priester National Extension Conference**, Lexington, Kentucky, 2005  
**National League of Cities Annual Convention**, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2004  
**International IdeaFestival**, Lexington, Kentucky, 2002, 2004  
**International Sustainable Cities Conference**, Presenter/Tour Host, Louisville,  
Kentucky, 2004  
**Ozarks Regional Partnership Annual Meeting**, Springfield, Missouri, Keynote, 2003  
**Smart Growth in the Rural South Conference**, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 2003  
**"Growing Smart Together,"** Inaugural Speaker, Lancaster County, PA., 2001  
**Kentucky Governor's Agricultural Development Policy Conference**, Louisville, Ky., 2001  
**Kentucky Association of Planners Annual Meeting**, Ky., 2001  
**"Nissan and Mississippi – Learning from others"**, Jackson, Mississippi, 2001  
**23rd Annual Kentucky Transportation Conference**, Louisville, Kentucky, 2001  
**"Rural Development in the Bluegrass,"** to Kentucky Chapter, American Planning  
Association, 1996  
**"Toyota's Impact on Georgetown and Scott County,"** Princeton, Indiana and Buffalo,  
West Virginia, 1996  
**Town Planning Forum**, World Park Festival, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan, 1995  
**"Toyota's Impact on Georgetown and Scott County, Kentucky,"** to Greater Derby  
Chamber of Commerce, Derby, England, UK., 1994  
**"Cluster Development in Scott County,"** to Bluegrass Area Development District, 1994  
**"Development Trends in Georgetown/Scott County,"** to Leadership Scott County, 1993  
**"Community Improvement Through Public Design,"** Royal Spring Park Dedication, 1993

community  
service  
(selected)

**Member**, Pullman Civic Trust Board of Directors, **2015-**  
**Member**, New Building Committee, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pullman WA, 2014-  
**Volunteer**, Transition Town Totnes, Totnes, England, U.K., 2013  
**Member**, Lexington, Kentucky Mayor Jim Gray Transition Team, 2010  
**Co-Founder**, The Stephen and Margaret Austin Charitable Foundation, 2009  
**Chair** - Grounds Committee, Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate, 2008-2012  
**Member**, Town Branch Trail Advisory Committee , 2005-2012  
**Co - Founder/Secretary** - Isaac Murphy Bike Club (Bikes for Kids!), 2009-2012  
**Member** - Landscape Architecture Vision Committee, University of Kentucky, 2011  
**Instructor**, Junior Achievement, Sts. Peter and Paul Elementary School, Lexington, Kentucky, 2009-2011.  
**Member**, Smart Growth Business Partnership Advisory Council, 2001-2007  
**Chair** - Vine Street Task Force, Downtown Lexington, Kentucky, 2005-2006  
**Member** - Lexington/Fayette Corridors Committee, 2000-2010  
**Member** - Lexington/Fayette Greenspace Commission, 2000-2006  
**Member** - Governor Patton's Smart Growth Task Force Advisory Committee, 2001-2002  
**Chair** - Elkhorn Creek Trust - Dams and Signage Committee, 1993-1994  
**Co-Chair** - Bluegrass Tomorrow Community Design Committee, 1993-1994  
**Member** - Georgetown College Economic Impact Study Committee, 1993  
**Member** - Regional Planning Council, Bluegrass Area Development District, 1992 - 2008  
**Member** - Regional Transportation Committee, Bluegrass Area Development District, 1992-2008  
**Member** - State of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Intermodal Advisory Panel, 2001  
**Member** - Scott County Library Board Long Range Planning Committee, 1993  
**Member** - Youth Mentorship Planning Committee - Leadership Scott County, 1993-1994  
**Member** - Georgetown/Scott County Code Enforcement Task Force, 1990-1996  
**Member** - Non-Profit Housing Corporation - Georgetown/Scott County