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## Education

- 2010 Penn State Schreyer Honors College, University Park, Pennsylvania  
Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Landscape Architecture  
Cumulative GPA 3.74/4
- Spring 09 Sede di Roma, Rome, Italy
- Autumn 08 University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

## Honors and Accolades

- 2010 American Society of Landscape Architects Student Honor Award
- 2010 The College of Arts and Architecture Creative Achievement Award
- 08/09 Schreyer Ambassador Travel Grant
- 06.7.8.9 John O. Simonds Honor Award for Creativity
- 06.7.8.9 Departmental Award for Excellence in Landscape Architecture
- 05 Center Section PA/DEL Chapter ASLA Academic Scholarship  
Dean's List All Semesters

## Professional Experience

- Stromberg / Garrigan & Associates, Somerset, Pennsylvania:** September, 2011 - Present  
Urban Designer/Planner 1: Provide professional planning, landscape design assessment and site master planning from the conceptual phase through construction documentation on public and private sector projects; co-authored request for qualification submittal packages
- Luca Peralta Studio, Rome, Italy:** January - June, 2011  
Junior Landscape Designer: Responsible for developing and modeling facade designs for Prada; produced and packaged conceptual designs for several 40-story residential towers in Mumbai, India
- EcoLand, Beijing, China:** August - December, 2010  
Junior Designer: Responsible for interpreting and drafting a section of the Zaha Hadid project "Galaxy" in Beijing; presented multiple urban design/city planning projects in mainland China

## Technical Skills

- Proficient Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, AutoCAD, Ecotect, SketchUP, Microsoft Word/Excel, Wordpress
- Familiar Rhino, Revit, 3ds Max, ArcMap, Flash

## Course Work

- Thesis Research & World Travel**  
A year of university funded research abroad studying unconventional approaches to fostering nature and natural systems in urban environments culminating in an 80 page undergraduate honors thesis
- Regional Planning and Community Design**  
Regional design with a focus on ecosystems and cultural relationships practiced in an effort to evoke and support sustainable and environmentally aware communities
- Vegetation Ecology and Landscape Design**  
Application of ecological and GIS data analysis to landscape design and management
- Design Implementation**  
Principles of site design and water management including grading standards, ADA requirements and the development of AutoCAD assisted construction/planting documents

## Passions

cycling . photography . backpacking . sketching . poetry . traveling . cross-country skiing