

REED HILDERBRAND

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Biography

Beka Sturges is a Partner and Principal of Reed Hilderbrand and leads the firm's New Haven office. Her work is noted for its powerful spatial demonstration of the cultural and environmental value of landscapes. Since opening the New Haven office, she has led both private and public projects. Current work includes landscapes at Yale University, Storm King Art Center, and Dumbarton Oaks. Actively collaborating with the City of New Haven, she initiated the vision plan and implementation of the Mill River Trail, Phase 1, a 4-acre linear park running through the center of New Haven. Beka served as the project landscape architect and manager for the award-winning expansion of The Clark Art Institute in the Berkshires. A committed educator, she teaches at Yale School of Architecture and Connecticut College.

Education

Harvard Graduate School of Design
Master of Landscape Architecture,
with distinction, 2004
Princeton University, Doctoral Studies in
English Literature, 1999 & 2001
Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville NY,
Bachelor of Arts, 1994

Professional Experience

Principal: Reed Hilderbrand
Cambridge MA, 2005-present
Designer: Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates,
Cambridge MA, 2004-2005

Service

Board Member, Artspace, New Haven
Board Member, Site Projects, New Haven

Selected Works

The Clark Art Master Plan,
Williamstown MA
Brown University Wilson Hall,
Providence RI
Chazen Museum of Art,
Madison WI
Dumbarton Oaks,
Washington D.C.
Duke University Campus Drive Plan,
Durham NC
Georgia O'Keefe Museum,
Santa Fe NM
Half-Mile Line,
Berkshires MA
Hirshhorn Museum,
Washington D.C.
Kirtland Hills,
Kirtland Hill OH
Mill River Trail Framework Plan,
New Haven CT
Storm King Art Center,
Mountainville NY
Williams College Landscape Framework Plan,
Williamstown MA
Yale Science Hill Landscape Framework,
New Haven CT
Yale Science Planning Study,
New Haven CT
Yale Sustainable Transportation Framework,
New Haven CT

Lectures & Symposia

Speaker, 20th Annual Landscape Design
Portfolios Series, "Giving Voice to the Land",
New York Botanical Garden Talk, 2018
Panelist, ASLA Annual Meeting, "Finding
Design: Case Studies in the Creative Process"
Philadelphia PA, 2018
Panelist, "Design for Equity and Inclusion"
Watertown MA, 2018
Presenter, New Directions in the American
Landscape Conference: "Realizing Design
Intent Through Ecological Management",
Connecticut College Arboretum, New London
CT, 2016
Presenter: "Conceptions of Campus: Integrating
Art and Landscape at The Clark," SCUP,
Providence RI, April 2015
Presenter: ASLA Annual Meeting, "Water As
a Medium: Infrastructure, Expression, and
Collaboration at The Clark," 2014

Presenter: "Sustainable Planting Strategies and
Cultivated Ecologies," ASLA Annual Meeting,
2010

Presenter: Garden Club of Cleveland: "From
Garden to Park" 2020

Teaching

Critic in Architecture, Yale School of
Architecture, 2020
Adjunct Professor of Art History and
Architectural Studies, Connecticut College,
2013-present
Visiting Assistant Professor of Art: Campus
Landscape Architecture, Wesleyan University
Teaching Fellow: Ecology and Land Use
Planning, Harvard Graduate School of
Design, 2004

Guest Critic

Boston Architectural College
Harvard Graduate School Design
OSU Knowlton School of Architecture
Penn State School of Design
Wesleyan University
Yale University School of Architecture

Awards/Honors

2018, CTSLA Honor Award for Design
The Mill Residence
2017, CTASLA Honor Award for Design
New Haven Residence
2015 ASLA Honor Award for Design
The Clark Art Institute
2015 Best Landscape, The Architect's
Newspaper Best of Design Awards, The Clark
Art Institute
ASLA Honor Award for Design
Old Quarry Residence
BSLA Honor Award for Design
Old Quarry Residence
Suburbia Transformed 2.0 Award, James Rose
Center for Landscape Architectural Research
and Design, Old Quarry Residence
Charles Eliot Traveling Fellowship, Highest
award of the Department of Landscape
Architecture, Harvard Graduate School of
Design, 2004
Van Alen Institute, Student Exhibition, 2004
Large Parks: New Perspectives Conference
& Exhibition, Harvard Graduate School of
Design, 2003