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EDUCATION

Master of Landscape Architecture in Urban and Community Design, University of California at Berkeley, 1987. Thesis: "Venues and Values of Teens."

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (*cum laude*), University of Georgia, 1980.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS – Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, Department of Environmental Design, 1990–1999; Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, Department of Environmental Design, 1999–present.

VIRGINIA TECH – Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, College of Architecture and Urban Studies, August 1987–August 1990.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY – Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Department of Landscape Architecture, 1984 – 1987.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Landscape Architectural Consultant, Community Development Planning & Design, Berkeley, California, 1985 –1986.

Research and Design Consultant, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 1983 - 1987.

Instructor, Uniform National Exam Review Seminars, Berkeley, California and Wilmington, Delaware, 1983 – 1985.

Landscape Architect, The Delta Group, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1980 – 1983.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Fellow, Art of Regional Change. UC Davis Humanities Institute, 2009.

ASLA Fellow Nominee, Sierra Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects, 2003.

Community Service Award, Knights Landing, 2002.

Faculty Development Award, University of California, 1996.

Fellow, Davis Humanities Institute, University of California, 1994.

Community Service Citation (Master Plans for Muir, Johnson, and Zapata Parks), City of Sacramento, 1994

Award of Distinction, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, 1990.

Honor Award (Park and Recreational Planning : Runyon Canyon Master Plan), American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) – 1987.

First Place - Local Resources Preservation (The Presidio of San Francisco), National Resource Council of America, 1987.

Honor Award (Urban Design: Manteo Community Design Project), American Society of Landscape Architects, 1985.

Honor Award (Park and Recreational Planning: Chestnut Street Park), American Society of Landscape Architects, 1983.

Honor Award (Urban Design: Downtown Salem Central Business District Plan), American Society of Landscape Architects, 1983.

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Professional Landscape Architect, Registration #122E, State of Delaware

Member, The American Society of Landscape Architects

Member, Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA)

Co-chair, Children & Youth Environments Network (EDRA)

Faculty Affiliate, Children & Youth Environments Research Center, University of Colorado.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORK (Since promotion to Associate Professor)

GRANTS

Resilience to Violence Among At Risk Youth. Cooperative Regional Research Project (W-193), (1997-2004). Co-PI (research partners at University of Nevada, Reno & Las Vegas; University of Arizona; University of Montana; and University of Colorado.

Action Research for Rural School/Community/University Collaborative: Hands-on/MANOS I, Presidential Grants in Education, \$18,000 (2000-2001). (Knights Landing & Grafton Elementary School Project). Co-PI.

Action Research for Rural School/Community/University Collaborative: Hands-on/MANOS II, Presidential Grants in Education, \$18,000 (2001-2002). (Knights Landing & Grafton Elementary School Project). Co-PI.

Action Research for Rural School/Community/University Collaborative: Hands-on/MANOS III, Presidential Grants in Education, \$18,000 (2002–2003). (Knights Landing & Grafton Elementary School Project). Co-PI.

Always United & Together, César Chávez Day of Service and Learning, State of California, \$100,000 (2003). (Partner with Yolo Connections in the installation of landscape plan at the Knights Landing Family Resources Center). Co-PI.

Applied Developmental Science: Taking an Asset Approach in California, Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources, \$23,806 (2001–2002), \$20,166 (2002–2003), \$4,000 (2003–2004), \$4,000 (2004–2005), \$4,000 (2005–2006) and \$4,000 (2006–2007). Co-PI (research partners at UC Cooperative Extension, YMCA, California Parks & Recreation and Sacramento County Office of Education).

Identity, space and social exclusion: teenagers and public places in the urban environment, British Academy, £2,150 (2004–2005), £1,700 (2005–2006) and £1,900 (2006–2007). Co-PI (partners at University of Edinburgh and Cornell University).

Teens' Eye View of Community. University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Core Issues Grant, \$34,995 (July 2006–June 2007). PI.

California Community and Regional Mapping Laboratory, UCD College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences temporary Hatch and Multi-State Funds, \$75,000 (February– September 2008). PI (project conception and proposal author).

West Sacramento Arcistas Project. Art of Regional Change, Faculty Fellow Program. \$1500. (2009).

Multiple Pathways to Youth Success and Regional Vitality. Sierra Health Foundation, \$700,000. (October 2008 – September 2010). Co-PI (Team lead for youth participation component of project).

Healthy Youth - Healthy Regions. The California Endowment. \$300,000. (January 2009 – September 2010). Co-PI (Team lead for youth participation action research component of project).

PUBLICATIONS

Owens, P. E. (1988). Natural Landscapes, Gathering Places, and Prospect Refuges: Characteristics of Outdoor Places Valued by Teens, *Children's Environments Quarterly*, 5(2), 17-24.

Owens, P. E. (1993). Valued Outdoor Places: A Study of Teen Places in Sunshine, Australia. *Power by Design: Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association*. Chicago, Illinois, 62-66.

Owens, P. E. (1994). Designing Places for Teens. *CELA 1993: Public Lands/scapes* (Proceedings of the 1993 Conference of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture). Landscape Architecture Foundation, Washington, D.C., 20-29.

Owens, P. E. (1994). Hang-outs, Look-outs, and Wipe-outs. *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, 84(10), 64.

- Owens, P. E. (1994). Teen Places in Sunshine, Australia: Then and Now. *Children's Environments*, 11(4), 292-299.
- Owens, P. E. (1997). Adolescence and the Cultural Landscape: Public Policy, Design Decisions, and Popular Press Reporting. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 39(2-3), 153-166.
- Owens, P. E. (1997). Community Participation in a New Cultural Context. *American Society of Landscape Architects: 1997 Annual Meeting Proceedings*. Washington, D. C., 123-127.
- Owens, P. E. (1997). Youth in Design Decision Making: the context, some strategies, their concerns. *International Urban Design Conference Proceedings*. Nagoya, Japan.
- Owens, P. E. (1997). Case Studies of Youth in Design Decision Making. *Children in Design*. International Play Association: Nagoya, Japan chapter.
- Owens, P. E. Teens' Place in the Community. (1998). In A. Brosnahan and F. Lee (eds.), *History of Our Children's Future: Proceedings of the Third Annual Human Resources Continuing Conference and Partners in People Conference*. University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Sacramento, CA, April 21, 21-27.
- Owens, P. E. Developmentally Appropriate Play Space Design: the Special Needs of Teens. *Play Space: Challenges in Planning and Design*. Proceedings of the 1995 Iowa ASLA Conference.
- Owens, P. E. Book Review: *Landscapes for Learning: Creating Outdoor Environments for Children*, by Sharon Stine. *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*, 18(1), 86-88.
- Owens, P. E. (1999). No Teens Allowed: the Exclusion of Adolescents from Public Spaces. *Proceedings of the 1999 American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting*. September, 151-153.
- Owens, P. E. (1999). (Reprint of #13) No Teens Allowed: the Exclusion of Adolescents from Public Spaces. *Bulletin of People-Environment Studies*, 14, 21-24.
- Owens, P. E. (2000). That Same Old Participation? *Places*, 13(1), 34-36.
- Bressi, T. W. and P. E. Owens. (2000). Santa Ursula Public *Lavandara* and Water Collection System. *Places*, 13(1), 35.
- Cameron, M., A. Forsyth, W. Green, H. Lu, P. McGirr, P. E. Owens and R. Stoltz. (2001). Learning through Service: The Community Design Studio. *College Teaching*, 49(3), 105-113.
- Owens, P. E. (2001). Recreation and Restrictions: Community Skateboard Parks in the United States. *Urban Geography*, 22(8), 782-797.
- Owens, P. E. (2001). No Teens Allowed: the Exclusion of Adolescents from Public Spaces. *Landscape Journal*, 21(1-2), 156-163.
- Owens, P. E. (2003). Adolescents and Landscape. In Christensen, K. and D. Levinson, Ed. *Encyclopedia of Community*. Thousand Oaks, CA Sage. Vol. 1, 7-9.
- Evans, W. P., P. E. Owens and S. C. Marsh. (2005). Environmental Factors, Locus of Control, and Adolescent Suicide Risk. *Child and Adolescent Social Work*, 22(3-4), 301-319.

Owens, P. E. (2004). Gather at the River: Identification and preservation of local culture. *(Re)constructing communities/design participation in the face of change*. (Proceedings of the 2004 Participatory Community Design in the Pacific Rim Conference, Seattle, Washington.), 102-07.

Travlou, P., P. E. Owens, C. W. Thompson and L. Maxwell. (2008). Environment, identity and experience: Place-mapping as a method to understand teenagers' engagement with public places. *Children's Geographies*, 6(3), 309-326.

Owens, P. E. (2008). Book Review: Open Space: People Space, by Catherine Ward Thompson and Penny Travlou. *Children, Youth and Environments*, 18 (2), ISSN: 1546-2250.

Owens, P. E. and I. McKinnon. (2009). In Pursuit of Nature: The role of nature in adolescents' lives. *Journal of Developmental Processes*, 4(1), 43-58.

Enfield, R. P. and P. E. Owens. (2009). Building and Sustaining Community-Based Youth Development Collaboratives. *Community Development*, 40(4), 381-397.

Owens, P. E. (Ed.) (2010). *Youth Voices for Change: Opinions and ideas for the future of West Sacramento*. Center for Regional Change, University of California.

INTERNET PUBLICATONS

Rapore, Matthew (producer). (June 2008). *GHS Campus Design Project: The future of Grant High School is up to you*. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4DnWtPRkdA>. Prepared in conjunction with LDA 181J-Community Participation in Design.

Sactown Heroes. (June 2009). *Youth Voices for Change: An Interactive Web Map*. <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=106304365780932181125.00046a49f4e0dc5c96353&z=16>. Prepared in conjunction with the Healthy Youth – Healthy Regions Initiative: Youth Voices for Change.

ABSTRACTS

Owens, P. E., H. Woolley, S. Jones and H. Childress. (1999). SkateScapes: An Exploration of Skateboarding, Skate Parks, and Skate Places. *The Power of Imagination: Proceedings of the 30th Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association*, 250.

Owens, P. E. (1999). Recreation and Restrictions: Community Skateboard Parks in the United States. *The Power of Imagination: Proceedings of the 30th Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association*, 250–251.

Francis, M. and P. E. Owens. (1999). A CYE Symposium and Evening in Memory of the Work of Joost van Andel. *The Power of Imagination: Proceedings of the 30th Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association*, 243.

Owens, P. E. (1999). No Teens Allowed: The Exclusion of Adolescents from Public Spaces. *Living at the Edge: An International Conference of Young People and Social Exclusion*.

Owens, P. E. (1999). No Teens Allowed: The Exclusion of Teens from Public Spaces. *People, Places, Land, and Life: 1999 American Society of Landscape Architecture Annual Meeting*.

Owens, P. E. (2000). The 2000 EDRA/Places Award. *Building Bridges: Connecting People, Research, and Design: The 31th Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association*.

Owens, P. E. (2000). Excluding Teens from Public Places: Design Practices and Public Policies. *Metropolis: Cities Social Life and Sustainable Development. Abstracts and Resumes of the 16th Conference of International Association for People–Environment Studies*.

Owens, P. E. (2001). Learning from Youth: Their Vision for a Community Park. *Old World – New Ideas: 32nd Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association*, 186.

Ward Thompson, C., N. Cosco, P. E. Owens, L. Maxwell and R. Moore. (2001). Playful Outdoor Environments: Design for Young Children. *Old World – New Ideas: 32nd Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association*, 187.

Owens, P. E. (2002). Places for Teens: A multi–site exploration of the physical and experiential qualities of outdoor places teens frequent. *Community: Evolution or Revolution – Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Conference of Environmental Design Research Association*, 102.

Enfield, R. P., P. E. Owens and J. Glashagel. (2003). Lessons from California: A case study of two youth asset–development community initiatives. *Connections that Count: An international conference on young people, social capital and empowerment – Programme & Abstracts*, F1.

Maxwell, L. E., C. W. Thompson and P. E. Owens. (2003). Adolescents' Experience in Neighborhood Outdoor Settings. *People Shaping Places Shaping People* (Proceedings of the 34th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association), 206.

Bird, M. and P. E. Owens. (2004). Community Collaborative for Youth Development: A study of two initiatives. *Navigating the Future: Conference Program & Abstracts*. Health and Human Services Institute, Community Services Planning Council, California State University.

Owens, P. E. (2004). Gather at the River: Identification and Presentation of Local Culture. *(Re)constructing communities: Design Participation in the Face of Change*. The 5th Pacific Rim Conference on Participatory Community Design, 15.

Owens, P. E. and N. Hafer. (2004). You, Your Community, Your View: Youth Images of Community. *Assets in Action – Making a Difference: Program & Abstracts*. Healthy Communities–Healthy Youth, 8th Annual Search Institute Conference.

Owens, P. E. (2004). Healthy Teen Turfs: Belonging, safety and territories at high school. *Open Space – People Space Conference*. Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh, Scotland. (abstract accepted, but did not attend conference).

Varney, Darcy, et. al. (2005). Children's Environments Research and Design: Diverse perspectives, diverse outcomes. *Design for Diversity – 36th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association*, 163.

Owens, P. E. (2005). Healthy Teen Turfs: Belonging, safety and territories at high school. *Design for Diversity – 36th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association*, 237.

Ward Thompson, C., P. Travlou, P. E. Owens, L. Maxwell, H. Woolley and A. Lusk. (2005). Identity, Space and Social Exclusion: Teenagers and public places in the urban environment.

Design for Diversity – 36th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, 292.

Owens, P. E. (2005). Youth Resiliency through Place: the role of the public realm," *Design for Diversity – 36th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, 293.*

Paxson, L., C. Cahill, P. E. Owens and B. Lamba. (2005). Diverse Participation and Participation in Diversity. *Design for Diversity – 36th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, 295.*

Owens, P. E. and R. Enfield. (2005). A Teens' Eye View of Community: Understanding youth perceptions through photographic surveys. *Childhoods 2005: Children and Youth in Emerging and Transforming Societies.*

Owens, P. E., P. Travlou, A. Zirnhelt, C. Chiu and H. Woolley. (2006). Teens and Conflict in the Urban Landscape. *Beyond Conflict – 37th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, 138–139.*

Manzo, L., P. E. Owens, N. Rottle, R. Awwad–Rafferty and L. Paxson. (2006). Beyond Conflict in Participatory Community Research and Design. *Beyond Conflict – 37th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, 264.*

Owens, P. E. (2007). Youth Images of Sacramento. *Building Sustainable Communities – 38th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, 110.*

Seyman-McKinnon, I. and P. E. Owens (2007). Negotiating Public Spaces of Danger: Independent mobility and affordances for socializing in the lives of urban youth. *Building Sustainable Communities – 38th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association*

Travlou, P., C. W. Thompson, P. E. Owens and L. Maxwell. (2007). How Universal is Young People's Experience of Public Space? *A Comparison between the UK and USA. Building Sustainable Communities – 38th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, 141.*

Parnell, R., P. E. Owens, D. Varney and H. Woolley. (2007). Children Youth Environment: Project Database of Good Practice Projects informed by Young People. *Building Sustainable Communities – 38th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, 137–138.*

Cahill, C., D. Driskell, H. Sanoff, P. Wridt, L. Paxson and P.E. Owens. (2007). Building and Sustaining a Community of Participatory Researchers. *Building Sustainable Communities – 38th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, 228–229.*

Schmidt, E. and P. E. Owens (2008). The Places of Adolescent Development: Where adolescent development takes place. *Linking Differences: Defining Actions – 39th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association.*

Seyman-McKinnon, I. and P. E. Owens. (2008). Nature and the Millennial Generation: Exploring young peoples' encounters with the non-human. *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting.*

Owens, P. E. and P. Travlou. (2009). Mapping Teen Places: A process of evolution. *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Program identification number: 90041911.*

Owens, P. E., A. Nelson, K. Montgomery and j. m. ross. (2010). Listening to Youth: Using Youth-produced Media to Understand Community Conditions and Influence Change. *American Educational Research Association Annual Conference*. Denver, Colorado.

Owens, P. E., A. Nelson, K. Montgomery and A. Perry. (2010). Social Media Capital – Listening to Youth. *Digital Media and Learning Conference*. San Diego, California.

Owens P.E. and A. Perry. (2010). Speaking to the Mayor: Using Youth-produced Media to Influence Change. *Policy and the Environment: 41st Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association*. Washington, D.C.

Owens, P.E. (2010). Youth Voices for Better Places: young people understanding and advocating for healthy environments. *Children's Health and the Environment: International Workshop on Research, Policy and Practice*. University of Western Ontario, Canada.

RESEARCH & CREATIVE WORK

Knights Landing Community Goal Setting & Planning. (1999). In cooperation with Grafton Elementary School and citizens of Knights Landing, California.

Knights Landing Park Revitalization. (1999). In cooperation with parents of students of Grafton Elementary School, Knights Landing, California.

EDRA Conference, program graphic and t-shirt design. (1999). Environmental Design Research Association 30.

EDRA Conference, overall conference logo. (2000). Environmental Design Research Association 31.

César Chávez Kindergarten Playyard. (2000). In cooperation with César Chávez Elementary School, Davis, California.

César Chávez Art Fair. (2000). César Chávez Elementary School, Davis, California.

Wolfskill High School Landscape Master Plan. (2000). In cooperation with Wolfskill High School, Winters, California.

Knights Landing Park Master Plan. (June 2001). Prepared for the citizens of Knights Landing, California.

Grafton Elementary Playground Design. (2001). Supervision of student designer, Marlies Nagl, including design and installation consultation. Knights Landing, California.

Knights Landing Family Resource Center. (2003). Site design and construction. Knights Landing, California.

Explorit Science Center Campus. (2003). Conceptual Plan/Outdoor Learning Centers. Davis, California.

Child Development Center César Chávez Elementary School. (2003) Site design alternatives. Davis, California.

Community Design & Planning Services. (1994 – 2005). Faculty Director.

Resilience to Violence Among At Risk Youth. (1997–2002). Cooperative Regional Research Project (W–193). Extended until September 30, 2004.

Hands–on (Manos) III: Action research for a rural school/community/university collaboration (2002–2003). University of California, Office of the President, Community Education Resource Center Program.

You, Your Community, Your View: Perceptions of Youth in California Communities. (2001–2007). Youth-serving collaboratives’ evaluation and youth photographic study. (See “Applied Developmental Science” grant.)

Knights Landing Community Garden. (2005). Community Design Facilitation. Knights Landing, California.

White Rock Community Park. (2005). High school student design education sessions and community design facilitation, Rancho Cordova, California.

California School Memories. (2005). Mural project with 6th grade class. Cesar Chavez Elementary School, Davis, California.

N Street Co-Housing Community Space. (2006). Community Design Facilitation. Davis, California.

Positive Youth Development through Place. (10/01/01 – 09/30/06). Agricultural Experiment Station project.

South Sacramento Youth Leadership Council. (2007). Youth training, meeting facilitation, and community goal setting.

Identity, space and social exclusion: teenagers and public places in the urban environment. (2004–2007). Cross-cultural examination of teen engagement with urban open space.

Teens’ Eye View of Community. (2006–2007). Perceptions of youth in Santa Cruz and Kern Counties, and Modesto.

Sunrise & Sunset. (2008). Mural project with 6th grade class. Cesar Chavez Elementary School, Davis, California.

Planting Seeds...Developing a Vision: the Grant High School Landscape Master Plan. 2008–present. Multi-phase effort in collaboration with the Grant High Environmental Design Academy.

Healthy Youth – Healthy Regions: Youth Voices for Change. (10/1/2008– present). Participatory action research project.

Youth Voices for Change Project Exhibit. (March – June 2010). Nelson Gallery, Walter A. Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center, University of California, Davis.

Youth Voices for Change Project Exhibit. (February 2010 – indefinitely). City Hall Council Chambers Lobby, West Sacramento, California.

Youth Voices for Change Project Exhibit. (June 2010 - unspecified). Sierra Health Foundation. Sacramento, California.

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- “Family Life and Academia.” Panelist. University of California Women’s Resources and Research Center. Davis, California. May 1999.
- “A CYE Symposium and Evening in Memory of the Work of Joost van Andel.” Co–organizer, participant. The Power of Imagination: The 30th Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association. Orlando, Florida. June 1999.
- “University–Based Design Centers.” The Power of Imagination: The 30th Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association. Orlando, Florida. June 1999.
- “Recreation and Restrictions: Community Skateboard Parks in the United States.” The Power of Imagination: The 30th Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association. Orlando, Florida. June 1999.
- “The 1999 EDRA/Places Awards.” The Power of Imagination: The 30th Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association. Orlando, Florida. June 1999.
- “Children and Youth Environments.” Network Meeting. The Power of Imagination: The 30th Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association. Orlando, Florida. June 1999.
- “No Teens Allowed: The Exclusion of Adolescents from Public Spaces.” Living at the Edge: An International Conference of Young People and Social Exclusion. University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. September 1999.
- “No Teens Allowed: The Exclusion of Teens from Public Spaces.” People, Places, Land, and Life: 1999 American Society of Landscape Architecture Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts. September 1999.
- “Boston Schoolyard Initiative: Community Process and Sustainable Schoolyard Development.” (Moderator) People, Places, Land, and Life: 1999 American Society of Landscape Architecture Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts. September 1999.
- “Landscapes to Grow Up In / Landscapes to Grow Old In.” Landscape Architecture 1 (Landscape Meaning), University of California, Davis. November 1999.
- “Communities’ Exclusion of Adolescents.” Community Development Graduate Seminar (CRD 44), University of California, Davis. December 1999.
- “The 2000 EDRA/Places Award.” Building Bridges: Connecting People, Research, and Design: The 31st Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association. San Francisco, California. May 2000.
- “Growing Up in Cities – Plenary Session.” (Organizer and Moderator) Building Bridges: Connecting People, Research, and Design: The 31st Annual Conference of The Environmental Design Research Association. San Francisco, California. May 2000.
- “Excluding Teens from Public Places: Design Practices and Public Policies.” Metropolis: Cities Social Life and Sustainable Development. 16th Conference of International Association for People–Environment Studies. Paris, France. July 2000.

- “Learning from Youth: Their vision for a community park.” Old World – New Ideas: 32nd Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Edinburgh, Scotland. July 2001.
- “Playful Outdoor Environments: Design for young children.” Old World – New Ideas: 32nd Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Edinburgh, Scotland. July 2001.
- “Current Issues in Community Participation: A divided community and transferring responsibility.” Old World – New Ideas: 32nd Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Edinburgh, Scotland. July 2001.
- “Resilience–to–Violence Among At–Risk Youth: Implications for family life education.” (Poster session) Families, Stress, and Coping: Bridging Theory and Practice – National Council on Family Relations 63rd Annual Conference. Rochester, New York. November 2001.
- “Your Park: Design, Funding, Prioritizing.” Grafton Healthy Start Community Advisory meeting. Knights Landing, California. October 2001.
- “Community Participation in the Classroom: Developing a park master plan with Knights Landing.” Landscape Architecture 190 (lecture series). February 2002.
- “Up to No Good or Just Growing Up.” Designing Modern Childhoods: Landscapes, buildings and material culture. (An international interdisciplinary conference) Berkeley, California. May 2002.
- “Places for Teens: A multi–site exploration of the physical and experiential qualities of outdoor places teens frequent.” Community: Evolution or Revolution – 33rd Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. May 2002.
- “Civic Learning through Landscape Architecture.” Developing Civic Muscles: 3rd Annual California Communities Coordinating Conference. Davis, California. September 2002.
- “Building and Sustaining Assets Based Collaboratives.” San Jose Youth Collaborative Retreat, San Jose, California. July 2003.
- “Lessons from California: A case study of two youth asset–development community initiatives.” Connections that Count: An international conference on young people, social capital and empowerment, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. September 2003.
- “Starting, Sustaining, and Evaluating Health Community–Healthy Youth Initiatives.” Unleashing the Power of Diversity: HC–HY, 7th Annual Search Institute Conference, San Jose, California. October 2003.
- “Resiliency and Rootedness in Place.” Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning Lecture Series, University of California, Berkeley. November 2003.
- “Community Collaboratives for Youth Development: A Study of Two Initiatives.” Navigating the Future: Health and Human Services Institute, California Community Services Planning Council, Sacramento, California. January 2004.
- “Gather at the River: Identification and Presentation of Local Culture.” (Re)constructing communities: Design Participation in the Face of Change. The 5th Pacific Rim Conference on Participatory Community Design, Seattle, Washington. September 2004.

- “You, Your Community, Your View: Youth Images of Community.” Assets in Action – Making a Difference: Healthy Communities–Healthy Youth, 8th Annual Search Institute Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota. November 2004.
- “It’s Not Child’s Play.” Department of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley. March 2005.
- “Children's Environments Research and Design: Diverse perspectives, diverse outcomes,” Design for Diversity – 36th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. April 2005.
- “Healthy Teen Turfs: Belonging, safety and territories at high school,” Design for Diversity – 36th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. April 2005.
- “Youth Resiliency through Place: the role of the public realm,” Design for Diversity – 36th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. April 2005.
- “Diversity at the River: Bringing a Community Together”(presentation in the session: "Diverse Participation and Participation in Diversity"). Design for Diversity – 36th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. April 2005.
- “A Teens’ Eye View of Community: Understanding youth perceptions through photographic surveys.” Childhoods 2005: Children and Youth in Emerging and Transforming Societies. University of Oslo, Norway. June 2005.
- “A Case Study of Four Youth Asset Development Initiatives in California.”(with R. Enfield) 4–H CYD Youth Development Seminar Series. University of California, Davis. April 2006.
- “Identifying Essential Elements of Positive Youth Developmental Settings Through Youth Photographic Surveys.” (with R. Enfield, K. Heck and M. Bird) Children, Youth and Families At Risk Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia. May 2006.
- “Teens and Conflict: Teens’ Perceptions of Community Places.” Beyond Conflict – 37th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Atlanta, Georgia. May 2006.
- “White Rock Park: Beyond Conflict in Participatory Community Research and Design.” Beyond Conflict – 37th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Atlanta, Georgia. May 2006.
- “The Pasadena Youth Collaborative Adult Stakeholder Interviews & Youth Photo Surveys: Preliminary Findings.” Pasadena, California. June 2006.
- “The Sacramento FACES Collaborative Adult Stakeholder Interviews & Youth Photo Surveys: Preliminary Findings.” Sacramento, California. June 2006.
- “Youth Images of Sacramento.” Building Sustainable Communities – 38th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Sacramento, California, May 2007.

- “How Universal is Young People’s Experience of Public Space? A Comparison between the UK and USA.” (with P. Travlou) Building Sustainable Communities – 38th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association. Sacramento, California, May 2007.
- “Safe, Welcoming and Supportive: Places for youth in communities.” Invited lecture. Children, Youth, and Environments Center for Research and Design. University of Colorado, Boulder. April 2008.
- “Learning to Serve, Serving to Learn.” Invited lecture. College of Architecture and Design. Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, Virginia. November 2008.
- “Community Design Assistance in Review.” Invited lecture. 20th Anniversary Celebration. Community Design Assistance Center. Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, Virginia. November 2008.
- “See Me After Class.” Invited lecture. Design as Activism: Landscape Architecture Lecture Series (LDA 190 – M. Rios). University of California, Davis. January 2009.
- “Mapping Teen Places: A process of evolution.” (with P. Travlou,). Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. March 2009.
- “Youth Voice for Change: Using youth-produced media to influence design and planning decisions.” Invited lecture. Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning Colloquium Series. University of California, Berkeley. October 2009.
- “Humanities Engaged: The art of regional change.” (with j.m. ross, M. Ziser, and H. George). Humanities Matter: Annual conference of the Wyoming Humanities Institute. Riverton, Wyoming. October 2009.
- “Recent Work with Communities and Kids.” Invited lecture. Community and Regional Development (CRD 240 – F. Hirtz). University of California, Davis. November 2009.
- “Teen Places in Davis: Research to inform practice.” Invited lecture. Youth Advisory Task Force. City of Davis, California. November 2009.
- “People and Place: The human side of design.” Invited lecture. Landscape Architecture Program (LDA 1). University of California, Davis. November 2009.
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