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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa, 1999.**
Research focus: the integration of influences from culture, ecology, technology and professional practice on landscape architecture education.
Advisors: Dr. Dieter Holm, Dr. Willem F. Van Riet, and Dr. Christiann E. Mulder.
Dissertation: Investigation of a process for developing a culturally and geographically relevant curriculum for landscape architecture education in South Africa.
- M.L.A. **Department of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 1968.**
An investigation of the social implications of propinquity in low density housing suburbs in the San Francisco Bay region.
Advisors: Garrett Eckbo, landscape architect and Dr. Richard W. Seaton, social psychologist, and M. Carlisle Becker, landscape architect.
Thesis: A study of the interrelationship between the physical environment and social Interaction within a suburban residential neighborhood.
- B.S. **Department of Architecture, Texas A&M University, 1966.**
Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture
- B.S. **Department of Range and Forestry, Texas A&M University, 1961.**
Bachelor of Science in Range Science

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2005 to present ***Coordinator, Partnership for Community Outreach , Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.***
Developed and manage a community service unit for the Department to systematize and coordinate the efforts in community service, continuing education, publication and archiving of outreach research and service projects. Responsible for assuring a comprehensive review of service project opportunities to optimize the learning experiences for students and integrate faculty from different disciplines on projects where collaboration is desirable.
- 2001 to 2002 ***Coordinator, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Program, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.***
Coordinated student admissions, advising, recruitment, counseling of incoming students, faculty advising schedules, teaching assignments and curriculum review for the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture program. Reinstated the Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Board to develop the required internship program and conduct a fund raising effort. Contributions established an endowment for the

Landscape Architecture program. Organized the annual career fair for Landscape Architecture. Led the curriculum evaluation process for the BLA program. Instituted an “C” or better requirement for all required courses in the program.

1998 to
2000

Director of Landscape Architecture, Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.

As visiting professor, coordinated the integration of landscape architecture when the formerly independent Departments of Architecture and Landscape Architecture merged to achieve economic efficiencies at the University of Pretoria. In Collaboration with Dr. Schalk La Roux, Head of the Department, participated in the development of integrated teaching strategies to reduce program course loads and provide interdisciplinary teaching for design studios and technical support courses in the two disciplines. Participated in the hiring of faculty to bring about diversification appropriate to the emerging political and social realignment of the country in the post apartheid period.

1989 to
1991

Head of Department of Landscape Architecture, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Served as head of department during the reorganization of the College of Architecture under the leadership of Dr. Michael M. McCarthy. Primary responsibility related to managing the simultaneous but sometimes opposing pressures for rapid paradigm change within the previously practice oriented faculty and the need to maintain educational quality during a period of transition. Preserving productivity and creativity during this period was a challenge as requirements for professional preparation remained constant although the incentive structure of the University was shifting rapidly to research and publication.

1986 to
1988

Head of Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.

As visiting professor, I was responsible for forming a new Department of Landscape Architecture for the University and establishing its curriculum. Collaborated with Dr. Dieter Holm, Head of the Department of Architecture to transform a fledgling program within architecture into an independent department with its own budget, faculty and staff, and course offerings. Responsibilities included the hiring of faculty to deliver the content and to bring in a South African landscape architect to provide permanent leadership for the new program.

1974 to
date

Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Introduced new evidence-based design courses for the BLA curriculum during a period of rapid student growth and expansion of the University and the Department. Significant contributions included the introduction of ecological and social science content as a core component of the undergraduate design sequence. Developed and expanded some of the other core courses (Professional Practice and Planting Design) and at various times taught all undergraduate courses in the Department with the exception of history and computer graphics. Until recently, taught design studio, graphic communications, construction technology, and professional practice courses in the MLA program. Most recent course developed for the undergraduate curriculum was LAND 310, Landscape Architecture Theory in 2002, now a required course once established.

1977

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Recreation Resource Management, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.

As a visiting lecturer taught summer courses in recreation resource planning and in park planning and design for the department. These were required courses for the undergraduate Recreation and Parks majors at the University.

1969 to
1974 ***Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.***

Under the leadership of Professor Robert F. White, I joined the University as the third member of the faculty to develop the newly formed Department of Landscape Architecture in the College of Architecture. The first five years of my appointment were devoted to teaching design and construction courses, as well as to participate in the expansion of both the faculty and the curriculum for the undergraduate program. Our primary orientation during the first four years was to develop a fully accredited undergraduate program.

1968 ***Research Assistant, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley.***

Under the direction of Dr. Robert Twiss, I was responsible for conducting and documenting a visual resource assessment of Nicasio Valley, California as one component of a comprehensive growth management study of the Nicasio Creek watershed in the rapidly developing hinterland of Marin County, California. The research required extensive field survey of the complex watershed and the study; Nicasio Valley: A Hidden Valley in Transition was undertaken as a component of the Marin County General Plan.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

1992 ***Urban Designer: Chris Mulder Associates Inc., Pretoria, Republic of South Africa***

During a year's leave of absence from the University, I investigated the requirements of collaborative design process under practice conditions. Under the leadership of Dr. Chris Mulder, served as coordinator of an urban design team composed of representatives from six firms of architects and landscape architects, urban planners, civil and geotechnical engineers, traffic engineers, electrical engineers, and quantity surveyors. The team was formed to redevelop a seven block area adjacent to the CBD of Johannesburg, South Africa; designing the transition from residential to office land use. Responsibilities included management of the collaborative programming and design activities for the project, to include writing the team's final report: *Master Development Plan for Isle of Houghton Office Park.*

Served also as landscape architect/site designer, in collaboration with civil and structural engineers under the leadership of the architect, for the first of five design phases for the development. Responsibilities included design and construction documentation of the office park, boundary wall and security gate, street tree and street lighting, building location and grading for three office buildings, planting design, site furniture and signage, office park shelters, pedestrian circulation, guest parking areas, and roof gardens located over below grade parking structures.

1986 to
1988 ***Environmental Planner: Chris Mulder Associates Inc., Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.***

Served as a part time consultant while appointed as visiting professor at the University

of Pretoria to coordinate activities on two major projects. Responsible for writing the proposal for the project and serving as planning coordinator for the conduct of an environmental assessment of a 650 square kilometer (250 square mile) area in the Central Highlands of South Africa. The research was conducted as a part of a comprehensive watershed conservation planning effort under the jurisdiction of the Government of KaNgwane. The interdisciplinary team consisted of land planners, geologists, pedologists, wetland ecologists, plant ecologists, wildlife ecologists, meteorologists, and tourism planners. The final report: *Songimvelo Natural Resource Area Management Guidelines and Masterplan* was prepared by Chris Mulder Associates in collaboration with the project sponsors, the Government of KaNgwane and the South African Department of Public Works and Land Affairs. The project was given an ASLA Honor Award for excellence in landscape planning. Other major projects for which I was responsible included the coordination of an interdisciplinary team of landscape architects, architects, engineers, and botanists to develop plans for the renovation and upgrading of the 75 year old Kirstenbosch National Botanic Garden at Cape Town. As the repository of over 4,700 of South Africa's 22,000 indigenous species, the botanic garden, serving as both a public park and a scientific research facility, required substantial upgrading to accommodate its intense and often competing uses. A primary responsibility was to manage the collaborative programming exercise, employed to unite the consultants into a unified team as well as to provide planning guidance for the project. Another responsibility was the conduct of public participation involvement on the project to assure that local groups had an active voice in shaping the final proposal. The final planning report: *Development Guideplan: Kirstenbosch National Botanic Garden*, was produced for the National Botanic Garden and the South African Department of Public Works and Land Affairs.

1984 to
1986

Landscape Architect/Environmental Planner: Chris Mulder Associates Inc., Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.

A degree program that prepares graduates for professional careers needs to be based on an understanding of the demands of practice as well as new knowledge and technology. To improve my understanding of contemporary professional needs I took leave from the University to engage in practice and learn by experience. One of my primary responsibilities was to coordinate an interdisciplinary team to develop plans for a new teaching college. The master planning team consisted of the firms responsible for the design of the campus buildings and infrastructure and included landscape architects from Chris Mulder Associates, three architecture firms, three structural engineering firms, an electrical engineering firm, a mechanical engineering firm and three firms of quantity surveyors. My responsibilities included representing my firm as planning coordinator in the production of the master plan. The plan as developed by the team established the limits of all the consultant's design responsibilities on the project. My personal responsibilities included overseeing the collaborative development of an interdisciplinary design program for the campus; the development of the campus master plan for the academic core, campus roads, parking and service infrastructure; producing design guidelines for all aspects of the campus to include building materials and access requirements, flood plain management corridors,

sports field development, pedestrian circulation, interior plazas, campus planting, lighting, and site furnishings. The planning report, *Master Development Plan for the Durban College of Education*, was prepared for the joint client of the South African Department of Education and the Department of Public Works.

Another land planning and design responsibility with the firm included the development of Belvidere Estates, a resort housing area on the Knysna Lagoon estuary opening to the Indian Ocean. The project redeveloped a 150 acre farm with 19th century house into a small hotel with guest houses, a 20 acre retirement village, and single family lots for 165 residences with recreation facilities, conservation reserves and nature trails.

1972 ***Landscape Architect/Site Planner: Mitchell Energy and Development Corp., The Woodlands New Town, Texas.***

During the summer of 1972, I served as a consultant with the Site Planning Department of the New Town Development Division. Under the leadership of James Veltman, I participated in the formulation of *The Woodlands Development Standards* for the proposed development. The standards document served as a deed restriction substitute for typical development guidelines, zoning ordinances, and architectural standards available to developers working within incorporated municipal areas. These legal forms were unavailable during the early period of new town development when there was no governmental authority to administer the quality control required to translate the developer's environmental protection and urban design guidelines into reality.

1971 ***Landscape Architect/Campus Planner: Hal E. Stringer and Associates, Waco, Texas.***

During the summer of 1971 I was employed as a campus planning and design consultant. Under the direction of landscape architect Hal Stringer, I prepared a comprehensive redevelopment plan for Baylor University campus at Waco. The plan coordinated the provision of new buildings and infrastructure as the campus expanded to meet student growth. The main thrust of the master plan was to guide redevelopment efforts to use the University's land and resources efficiently and to create a strong campus identity and image.

1968 ***Landscape Architect/Urban Planner: Nason, Wehrman, Knight and Chapman, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.***

My primary responsibilities with the urban planning and design firm were to participate in the preparation of comprehensive plans for small and medium sized communities throughout the Midwest and to prepare development strategies for suburban communities experiencing pressure for residential growth resulting from the expansion of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Providing planning guidelines for economically achievable development strategies and data support regarding the potential deterioration of local environmental conditions, and their impact on quality of life as a consequence of hasty development projects, were among the primary areas of concern for the firm and the focus of their professional work.

1967 ***Park Designer: Department of Parks and Recreation, the City of Richmond,***

California,

As a part time design consultant during graduate study, I developed park and recreation facility plans under the supervision of Mack Wilson, Director of Parks. Responsibilities included the preparation of drawings and specifications for upgrading and renovating existing parks and recreation facilities where the users or activities had changed or for park developments where new activities or facilities were being planned.

1966 ***Landscape Designer: Eckbo, Dean, Austin and Williams, Inc., San Francisco, California.***

During my first year of graduate study I worked part time at the San Francisco design firm. My responsibilities related to project research and the drafting and development of contract documents for projects on which senior members of the staff had design responsibility.

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1966 to 1968 ***Samuel M. Heller Foundation Fellow***, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley

1966 ***J. Rodney Tabor Award***, Department of Landscape Architecture, Texas A&M University

HONORS AND AWARDS

2005 ***Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching***, Texas A&M Association of Former Students

2004 ***Michael D. Murphy Endowed Scholarship*** established by Texas A&M University former student George Seagraves

1978 ***Sigma Lambda Alpha*** Honor Society for Landscape Architects

1990 ***Phi Beta Delta*** Honor Society for International Scholars

REFEREED ARTICLES

Murphy, M.D. and D. Holm. "The changing nature of landscape architectural practice: the South African experience." Journal of Architecture and Planning Research, Vol.19, No 3, Autumn 2002.

- Murphy, M.D. "The emerging nature of landscape architecture in South Africa." International Federation of Landscape Architects 2001 Yearbook.
- Murphy, M.D., 1997. "Multiple Value Decision-making: a Prerequisite to Sustainable Urban Design." Conference Proceedings of the Cities Toward the 21st Century Conference. November 1997. Beijing, China.
- Murphy, M.D., 1994. "An Integrated Approach to landscape Architectural Programming as a Multi-disciplinary Learning Experience." Conference Proceedings of the 1994 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.
- Marrs, C.B., Mulder, C.E. and Murphy, M.D. 1989. "Conservation Planning: Integrating Human and Land Resources in South Africa's Developing Areas." International Federation of Landscape Architects 1989 Yearbook

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Michael D. Murphy, Andrew D. Seidel, and Chang-Shan Huang. 2005. Crossing Boundaries: An Interdisciplinary Research Initiative for the Study of the Profession of Landscape Architecture: A Pilot Study of the knowledge needs of Landscape Architects.
- Murphy, M.D., 1999. Landscape architecture 2000: curriculum guide for professional education in landscape architecture for the conditions in South Africa. Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa.
- Murphy, M.D., 1997. Design Teams and Team Leadership. Working paper, CRS Center Research Series, vol. 4. College of Architecture, Texas A&M University.
- Murphy, M.D., 1992. "An Integrated Systems Approach to a Sustainable Environment." Consulting Engineer: Africa. Vol. 1 No. 3. Malnor: Johannesburg.
- Jackson, R.T., Mann, G.J. and Murphy, M.D. 1990. "A New Focus on Health Facility Design: A Holistic Approach to Community Health Care in South Africa." Hospital Management International '90, Journal of the International Hospital Federation, Sterling Publishing Group, PLC, London
- Murphy, M.D., Corin, R.C. and Marrs, C.B. 1988. "Innovative Storm Water Management Scheme by the Pretoria City Council." Parks and Grounds, vol 39, 12/88 Johannesburg
- Murphy, M.D. 1975. Performance Standard Evaluation of Designs for Urban Environments at the Woodlands New Town: Initial Report: Goals, Objectives, and Design Concepts. Texas A&M University Environmental Quality Program Note 18.

BOOK

Murphy, M.D. 2005. *Landscape architecture theory: An evolving body of thought*. Long Grove, IL.: Waveland Press

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

“The Emerging Nature of Landscape Architecture in South Africa.” International Federation of Landscape Architects, World Conference. June 2001, Singapore.

“Moving Toward Sustainability: Opening the Planning and Design Process to Wider Participation.”
International Urban Planning and the Environment Organization, Third Annual Conference. April, 1999, Pretoria, South Africa

“Green Architecture or Only Paint?: Opening the Design Process to Wider Participation.”
ArchAfrica: International Conference on Architecture. October, 1998, Durban, South Africa

“Multiple Value Decision-making: A Prerequisite to Sustainable Urban Design.” Cities Toward the 21st Century Conference. November 1997. Beijing, China.

“Guidelines for Constituting Interdisciplinary Urban Design Teams.” Conference on Urban Regeneration-Private Sector Participation. September 1997. Taipei, Taiwan.

“Conservation Planning: Integrating Human and Land Resources in South Africa's Developing Areas.” International Federation of Landscape Architects. October 1989. Boston, Massachusetts.

“The Future of Landscape Architecture in South Africa” Keynote address at the 1987 Annual Conference of the Institute of Landscape Architects in South Africa. Durban, Republic of South Africa.

“Interaction within the Environmental Sciences: Geography and Landscape Architecture” Keynote address at the August 1986 Annual General Meeting of the South African Geographical Society. Pretoria, Rep. of South Africa.

PROFESSIONAL PROJECT PUBLICATIONS

Murphy, M.D., (Chris Mulder Associates Incorporated) 1992. Master Development Plan for Isle of Houghton Office Park Urban Redevelopment, Johannesburg, South Africa Sanlam Properties, Inc.

Mulder, C.E., Murphy, M.D. and Marrs, C.B. (Chris Mulder Associates Incorporated) 1988. Development Guideplan: Kirstenbosch National Botanic Garden., Cape Town. National Botanic Garden and the Department of Public Works, Republic of South Africa.

Murphy, M.D., Marrs, C.B. and Klapwijk, M. (Chris Mulder Associates Incorporated) 1986. Songimvelo Natural Resource Area Management Guidelines and Masterplan. Government of KaNgwane and the Department of Public Works, Republic of South Africa

Murphy, M.D. and Marrs, C.B. (Chris Mulder Associates Incorporated) 1986. Master Development Plan for the Durban College of Education. Department of Education and the Department of Public Works, Republic of South Africa.

Veltman, J. A., Heineman, R., Murphy, M.D. The Woodlands Development Standards. 1972. The Woodlands Development Corporation, The Woodlands New Town, Texas.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT

ENDS 105 Design Foundations (3 credits)
CARC 311 Design Communication (3 credits)
CARC 321 Design Technology (3 credits)
CARC 331 Design Innovation (6 credits)
LAND 200 Introduction to Landscape Architecture (1 credit)
LAND 254 Landscape Architecture Communications (3 credits)
LAND 310 Landscape Architecture Theory (3 credits)
LAND 318 Landscape Design I (4 credits)
LAND 319 Landscape Design II (4 credits)
LAND 320 Landscape Design III (5 credits)
LAND 321 Landscape Design IV (5 credits)
LAND 329 Landscape Construction I (3 credits)
LAND 330 Landscape Construction II (3 credits)
LAND 331 Landscape Construction III (3 credits)
LAND 340 Planting Design (3 credits)
LAND 420 Landscape Design V (6 credits)
LAND 421 Landscape Design VI (5 credits)
LAND 442 Professional Practice (3 credits)
LAND 601 Landscape Architectural Design Theory (5 credits)
LAND 602 Landscape Architectural Design Applications (5 credits)
LAND 603 Principles and Techniques of Land Development (6 credits)
LAND 612 Landscape Architectural Site Development (4 credits)

LAND 614 Landscape Architectural Construction (3 credits)
 LAND 620 Open Space Development I (5 credits)
 LAND 621 Open Space Development II (5 credits)
 LAND 645 Practice Diversity in Landscape Architecture (3 credits)
 LAND 646 Professional Practice (3 credits)
 LAND 655 Landscape Architecture Communications (3 credits)

Recent Course Teaching History

Semester	Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Evaluation Score
<i>Spring, 2002</i>	Land 485	Independent Study	3	
<i>Spring, 2002</i>	Land 442	Professional Practice	3	
<i>Spring 2002</i>	Land 646	Professional Practice	3	
<i>Fall 2002</i>	Land 420	Landscape Architecture Design VI	6	
<i>Fall 2002</i>	Land 310	Landscape Architecture Theory (new course)	3	
<i>Spring, 2003</i>	Land 319	Landscape Architecture Design II	4	
<i>Spring, 2003</i>	Land 200	Introduction to Landscape Architecture	1	
<i>Fall, 2003</i>	Land 320	Landscape Architecture Design IV	4	
<i>Fall, 2003</i>	Land 442	Professional Practice	3	
<i>Fall, 2003</i>	Land 646	Professional Practice	3	
<i>Spring, 2004</i>	Land 319	Landscape Architecture Design II	4	
<i>Spring, 2004</i>	Land 330	Landscape Architecture Construction II	3	
<i>Spring, 2004</i>	Land 485	(Land 310 short section to meet graduation requirements)	3	
<i>Spring, 2004</i>	Land 481	(Pre Semester Abroad	1	

		Orientation course)	
<i>Fall, 2004</i>	CARC 331	(Land 420 substitute taught in Italy)	6
<i>Fall, 2004</i>	Land 485	(Hort 306 substitute to meet graduation requirements)	3
<i>Spring, 2005</i>	Land 319	Landscape Architecture Design II	4
<i>Spring, 2005</i>	Land 331	Landscape Architecture Construction III	3
<i>Fall, 2005</i>	Land 310	Landscape Architecture Theory	3
<i>Fall, 2005</i>	Land 485	Internship Case Study	3
<i>Fall, 2005</i>	Carc 485	Freshman Seminar	1
Spring 2006	Land 319	Landscape Architecture Design II	4
<i>Spring, 2006</i>	Land 331	Landscape Architecture Construction III	3
TOTAL/ AVERAGE			74/8

PH.D. COMMITTEES

Name	Faculty Role	Degree Sought	Topic/Title	Expected Date of Graduation
Yosaporn Lelarasame	Committee member	PhD in URSC	Decision support system for income-producing real estate: Venture and alternative assesement	2002
Michael J. Rehm	Committee member	PhD in URSC	The relationship between multifamily real estate performance and location within three polycentric urban areas	2002
P. F. Jordaan University of Pretoria, South Africa	External Examiner	PhD in Landscape Architecture	Managing the aesthetic quality of the landscape environment	2003

MASTER'S COMMITTEES

Name	Faculty Role	Degree Sought	Topic/Title	Expected Date of Graduation
Holley Scott	Member	MArch	Adaptive reuse of a commercial building in Boerne, Texas	May 2006
Jennifer Parrish	Member	MArch	Adaptive reuse of a warehouse in Fort Worth, Texas	May 2005
Kashyap Bhimanji	Member	MArch	Redevelopment and expansion of Kennedy Terminal	

INTERNATIONAL/FOREIGN STUDIES PROGRAMS CONDUCTED

- 2004 Texas A&M University Foreign Studies Program, Italart Culture Center, Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy
- 1996 Texas A&M University, Master of Landscape Architecture Program, ITESM, Monterrey, Mexico summer program
- 1996 Texas A&M University Foreign Studies Program, Italart Culture Center, Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy
- 1991 Texas A&M University Foreign Studies Program, Italart Culture Center, Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy
- 1980 Texas A&M University Foreign Studies Program, Schiller College, Strasbourg, France

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS:

- 1989 - **American Society of Landscape Architects**
 1990 President of the Texas Chapter
- 1990 - **Landscape Architecture Accrediting Board**
 1997 Chair of Re-accreditation Site Review teams
- 1999- **Institute of Landscape Architects of South Africa**
 2000 President, National Executive Committee
- 1983 **Texas A&M University Faculty Senate**
- 1989
- 1997
- 1973- **Registered Landscape Architect: Texas**
 date
- 1985- **Registered Landscape Architect: Republic of South Africa**
 date

COMMITTEES

University

- 2006 *AFS Outstanding Faculty Achievement Selection Committee*
- 2004-2005 *Faculty Grievance Committee*
- 2005 – present *Writing Intensive Course*
Review Committee

College of Architecture

- 2006 *Faculty Salary Grievance Committee*
- 2005- present *International Faculty Steering Committee*

Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning

- 2005 – present Department Lecture Committee
- 2005 – present Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Committee
- 2005 – present LAUP Library Representative
- 2005 – present Chair, Partnership for Community Outreach Faculty Advisory Committee

- 2004 Department Head Search Committee
- 2005 – present Master's of Land Development Faculty Advisory Committee
- 2000 – present Advisor, Student Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects
- 2002 – present *Advisor, Student Workshop Committee*