

Makie Suzuki

PLA, LEED AP BD+C

Makie brings over 20 years of national and international design leadership to her professional practice and teaching. Her experience with complex, large-scale projects—combined with a multidisciplinary background and strong intercultural communication skills—supports effective collaboration with diverse clients, design teams, craftspeople, and communities across all project phases, from conceptual development to on-site construction supervision. She focuses on environmentally and socially responsible design approaches, ranging from regional master planning to human-scale interventions.

As both a practitioner and educator, she mentors emerging designers by exemplifying excellence in contemporary design practice. Since 2009, she has co-led Asian Urbanism seminars at the University of Washington and previously has served as full-time adjunct faculty at the University of Virginia.

EDUCATION

University of Washington
Master of Landscape Architecture
Urban Design Certificate

Willamette University
Bachelor of Arts
Studio Art & Sociology

REGISTRATION

Licensed Landscape Architect
Connecticut

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GGN Landscape Architecture
Principal
Seattle, WA
2012 - 2025

Sasaki Associates
Landscape Designer
Watertown, MA
2009 - 2012

Sasaki Associates
Landscape Designer
San Francisco, CA
2006 - 2008

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Lecturer & Co-Director
Landscape Architecture Department
University of Washington, 2009 -

Full-Time Adjunct Faculty
Landscape Architecture Department
University of Virginia, 2008 - 2009

SELECTED PROJECTS (with GGN Landscape Architecture)

Grand Green Osaka & Umekita Park, Osaka, Japan
Project Lead

112th & Main, Bellevue, WA
Project Manager

BLOCK Home 2, Seattle, WA
Project Landscape Architect

University of Washington School of Medicine Phase 3.2, Seattle, WA
Project Manager

Brown University Engineering Research Center (ERC), Providence, RI
Project Landscape Architect

Brown University East-West Spine Landscape Master Plan, Providence, RI
Project Landscape Architect

University of Washington Central Utility Plant, Seattle, WA
Project Designer

GIX Plaza, Bellevue, WA
Project Manager

Rainier Square, Seattle, WA
Project Manager

400 University, Seattle, WA
Project Manager

Racker Square, Windcrest, TX
Project Manager

Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Baltimore, MD
Project Designer

Barangaroo South, Sydney, Australia
Project Designer

SELECTED AWARDS

2025 Good Design Award Finalist (ongoing)
Grand Green Osaka, GGN

2025 The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art International Design Competition
Finalist, GGN with Kengo Kuma & Associates

2025 ASHRAE Region XIII Technology Awards
Development Awards, Grand Green Osaka, GGN

2024 Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and Ministry of the Environment's Decarbonized Urban Design
Special Award, Grand Green Osaka, GGN

2020 Chicago Athenaeum/Europe, American Architecture Award
Brown University Engineering Research Center, GGN with KieranTimberlake

2018 Umekita Ph2 Development Zone Competition
Winner
Grand Green Osaka, GGN with Grand Green Osaka Developers JV & Design Team

2012 American Society of Landscape Architects
Honor Award: Analysis and Planning Category
Dead Sea Development Zone Detailed Master Plan
Sasaki

2012 American Institute of Architects,
National Honor Award in Regional and Urban Design
Dead Sea Development Zone Detailed Master Plan
Sasaki

2012 Kuala Lumpur International Financial District Master Plan Competition
Winner, Sasaki

2008 American Institute of Architects California Council, Master Plan
Merit Award: Excellence in Urban Design, Sasaki

2007 American Society of Landscape Architects Northern California Chapter
Honor Award (Master Plan), Sasaki

2007 American Institute of Architects San Francisco Chapter
Citation, Excellence in Urban Design (Master Plan)
Sasaki

2006 ASLA Washington Chapter
Honor Award, Red Square Competition

2006 Red Square Competition, University of Washington
Third Place

2005 Dean's Award
University of Washington College of Built Environment

2005 AIA Woman in Architecture Award
University of Washington

2004 William & Ruth Gerberding Rome Studies Fellowship
University of Washington

SELECTED PROJECTS (with Sasaki Associates)

Dead Sea Development Zone Detailed Master Plan Dead Sea, Jordan
Landscape Lead

Center for Student Excellence and Leadership, and Student Housing Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Project Landscape Architect

Lashi Lake Resort Master Plan, Lijiang County, China
Project Landscape Architect

Lulu Island Neighborhood 3, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Landscape Designer

Capitol Expressway Light Rail Extension Project San Jose, CA
Landscape Designer

Wilmington Waterfront Park & Master Plan, Wilmington, CA
Landscape Designer

SELECTED LECTURES & ACTIVITIES

2025 Kyushu University MLA Seminar Lecture, Faculty of Environmental Design
Fukuoka, Japan

2025 Panelist, JAM BASE Voicy Podcast #29 - #32: Innovation Over a Drink
Osaka, Japan

2024 Keynote Speaker, Fukei Design Workshop
Fukuoka, Japan

2024 Yasui Architects & Engineers, Inc. Landscape Lecture
Osaka, Japan

2023 Landscape Design Lecture at Tokyo Agricultural University
Tokyo, Japan

2023 Regenerative City Studio Lecture at Waseda University
Tokyo, Japan

2023 Planus Inc. Landscape Lecture
Tokyo, Japan

2022 Public Lecture, The City Planning Institute of Japan Kansai Office
Osaka, Japan

2022 Departmental Lecture at Mukogawa Women's University, Department of Landscape Architecture, Nishinomiya, Japan

2021 Nikken Sekkei Design G Landscape Lecture
Tokyo, Japan

2021 Presenter, Hills Breakfast at Roppongi Hills, Vol 114
Tokyo, Japan

2017 Public Lecture at Faculty of Architecture at Chulalongkorn University
Bangkok, Thailand