

JOHN C. PAYNE

EDUCATION

- MLA** Kansas State University, Landscape Architecture May 2005
Thesis: "A Review of Army Environmental Policy: Cold-War to Present"
Advisor: Dr. Tim Keane
- BA** University of California Santa Barbara, History of Public Policy June 1993
Graduated with Honors

CERTIFICATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Licensed Landscape Architect (NY, CT, WA, BC) 2011 - Present
- International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist Dec 2014- Present
- International Society of Arboriculture Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Dec 2022- Present

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Kansas State Department of Landscape Architecture 10-Year Alumni Honoree 2015**
The 10-year recognition tradition celebrates alumni whose first decade of practice demonstrates excellence, leadership, and service to the built environment.
- MLA Outstanding Graduate Student Award** 2005
Awarded for academic performance and contributions to the College, the Landscape Architecture program and the recipient's peers.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Kansas State University** Sep 2003 to Dec 2004
Teaching Assistant, Department of Landscape Architecture
- Graded quizzes, exams and essay assignments.
 - Held office hours and assisted students with questions and assignments.
- Courses Assisted**
Landscape Systems and Analysis, Fall 2003
Professional Practice, Spring 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Magazine Publications

Lavallee, A., and Payne, J., “Beyond the Numbers,” Landscape Architecture Magazine, March 2026.

Dudley, J., and Payne, J., “Mind the Gap (and Curves): Getting the Best from Precast Concrete Requires a Little Flexibility,” Landscape Architecture Magazine, July 2022.

Dudley, J., and Payne, J., “Cracking Up: Techniques for Managing the Properties of Concrete Under Stress,” Landscape Architecture Magazine, March 2021.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Presentation, “Getting Specific About Specifications” ASLA National Conference, September 2026.

Panelist, “Construction Confidential- A Frank Conversation About How Things Get Built” ASLA National Conference, September 2026.

Presentation, “Riding the Tides: Parks as a Solution to the Challenges of Sea Level Rise” Washington Parks and Recreation Association Conference, April 2026.

Presentation, “Concrete Confidential: Unlocking the Full Potential of a Ubiquitous Building Material” ASLA National Conference, October 2024.

Presentation, “From Afterthought to Forethought: Approaches to Construction Administration” ASLA National Conference, October 2024.

Presentation, “Getting What You Need: How Legacy Can Maximize the Design Process” Washington Parks and Recreation Association Conference, April 2022.

Panelist, “The Fast and the Furious- Design-Build Goes Big” ASLA National Conference, November 2021.

Presentation, “Your Vision to Implementation- What Contractors Need to Know” reVision ASLA Conference, October 2020.

Panelist, “Design-Build and the Landscape Architect” Washington ASLA Conference, March 2019.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Landscape Architects, 2005-Present

International Society of Arborists, 2014 - Present

Design Built Institute of America, 2023 - 2025.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ASLA

ASLA Skilled Committee, 2022-2026 (chair 2024)

ASLA

ASLA MLARC Committee, 2024-Present (chair 2026)

UW College of Built Environments

Professional Advisory Committee (Landscape Architecture), 2024-Present

Boston Harbor Association

Member, 2023-2026

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

COMPUTER SKILLS

Applications: AutoCAD, Word, Excel, Photoshop, Bluebeam, InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator.

REFERENCES

Michelle Delk, FASLA, PLA

Partner, Discipline Leader, Landscape Architecture
Snohetta

Debra Guenther, FASLA, PLA, LEED AP, SITES

Partner
Mithun