



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
/ REGIONAL & COMMUNITY PLANNING
THE COLLEGE of
ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING & DESIGN // K-STATE

Tenure Track Faculty Position in Landscape Architecture

Rank: Assistant/Associate Professor (rank commensurate with experience and qualifications)

Position to begin on 6 August 2012

Screening begins 5 January 2012

The nationally recognized Landscape Architecture/Regional and Community Planning Department (LA/RCP) in the College of Architecture, Planning and Design (APDesign) at Kansas State University is seeking qualified candidates with abilities in both design and physical land planning. Candidates will teach, grow their research, scholarship and creative activities, and make professional service contributions in a program dedicated to being a catalyst for excellence and the preeminent choice for graduate education in Landscape Architecture. This is a nine-month tenure-track position with annual review.

The Department

The faculty and students of the LARCP Department value rigorous scholarship, creative inquiry, environmental stewardship, community engagement, and the planning, design and management of human settlement. The Department's MLA and MRCP programs are recognized for their strong preparation of students for professional practice. Additional information may be found online at www.k-state.edu (university), www.apdesign.k-state.edu/ (college), www.apdesign.k-state.edu/larcp (department), www.manhattan.org (our community). For information on the college's Ph.D. program see (www.capd.ksu.edu/academic-programs/phd-in-environmental-design-planning).

Duties and Responsibilities:

We are most interested in candidates with knowledge and skills (including the use of appropriate digital technologies) related to urban ecology and/or quantitative research methods in support of performance-based design/planning.

In addition to actively seeking externally-funded research and teaching upper-level graduate design studios, the successful candidate will teach courses in one or more broad topical areas: landscape architecture practice related to sustainable design/planning; environmental land planning; real estate/property development; urban growth management; and/or integrated transportation and infrastructure.

Faculty duties include:

- Development of significant research, scholarship, and creative activities
- Commitment to creative, effective teaching in the core curricula
- Supervision of independent graduate research
- Collegial participation in departmental governance
- Participation in university and professional service

Qualifications:

Applicants must hold a Masters of Landscape Architecture degree or a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree with a terminal degree in a closely allied profession or significant professional and/or academic distinction as evidenced by national recognition. Successful candidates must demonstrate potential to uphold exemplary scholarship, teaching, and service. Applicants must demonstrate inspired research and teaching abilities and a focused research agenda, with a record of – or potential for – externally-funded research and scholarship. Strong planning and design abilities and the ability to teach upper-level design studios utilizing current digital technologies as well as the ability to effectively guide masters' projects and theses are essential. Candidates must meet qualification requirements for membership on the KSU Graduate Faculty (www.k-state.edu/grad/gscurrent/handbook/chap5.htm and www.k-state.edu/grad/gspeopleorg/council/Nomination%20form.pdf).

Preferred qualifications include a Ph.D. and/or professional experience and professional licensure/certification. An ideal candidate will have the credentials to earn certification on the KSU Graduate Faculty and thus guide dissertations.

Application:

Applicants should submit the following materials – in a single PDF file – via email to lrcpdept@ksu.edu :

- Letter of interest with clear statement of teaching capabilities and scholarly/research focus
- Curriculum vitae
- Portfolio of work
- Names of three references (including title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address).

Your application letter should be addressed to:

Lee R. Skabelund (Search Chair)
Associate Professor
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College of Architecture, Planning and Design, Kansas State University
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By University policy, a position offer is contingent upon a successful criminal background check.

Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and actively seeks diversity among its employees.



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Why Kansas State University?

K-State is located in Manhattan, Kansas, near the Kansas River in the beautiful Flint Hills (featured in National Geographic in Spring 2007 – (<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2007/04/tallgrass-prairie/klinkenborg-text>). The nearby Konza Prairie (<http://kpbs.konza.ksu.edu/>) is one of the largest remaining contiguous tallgrass prairie landscapes in the United States, providing opportunities for students and faculty to study a rare and protected landscape. The regional location provides exposure to a variety of experiences, including access to the metropolitan areas of Kansas City, Wichita, and Topeka. The Kansas City Design Center facilitates student and faculty engagement in urban design and planning projects.

The College of Architecture, Planning and Design at K-State is unique in offering first professional Master's degrees to entering freshmen and post-baccalaureate students across all design disciplines housed in the college. In LA/RCP, entering freshmen, or non-baccalaureate students, engage in a five year curriculum leading to either a first professional Master's of Landscape Architecture (Accredited 2010), or first professional Master's of Regional and Community Planning. Non-baccalaureate students in these programs apply to the Graduate School after the third year in the curriculum.

For students who have earned a Bachelor's degree, LA/RCP offers post-baccalaureate Master's two to three year curriculums in Landscape Architecture and Regional and Community Planning depending on prior educational background. In addition LA/RCP offers the online and inter-institutional Master of Science in Community Development degree, and the college offers the interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Environmental Design and Planning with emphasis in design, planning, sustainability, and place making. The Ph.D. program is supported by faculty from the departments of Landscape Architecture / Regional & Community Planning, Architecture, and Interior Architecture & Product Design. A central aim of our interdisciplinary Ph.D. program is to support advanced graduate research utilizing a comprehensive view of design and planning, thus contributing to a more livable and ecologically sustainable society.

The 23 members of the LA/RCP faculty are diverse, caring, and dedicated with a wide range of expertise and backgrounds in academic and professional practice. Generally, landscape architecture faculty members teach one design studio and one additional course per semester, which may include lecture, seminar, or technology applications. Departmental strengths include integrated planning/design, construction documentation, technology, research methods, and landscape theory. In addition to pursuing and publishing research, scholarship, and creative works, faculty are encouraged to explore and evaluate teaching methods to advance student learning.

The students and faculty benefit from the multi-disciplinary composition of the College which provides many opportunities for collaborative teaching and scholarship. Landscape architecture, planning, architecture, and interior architecture/product design studios are adjacent to one another in historic Seaton Hall, located in the heart of K-State's main campus. Landscape architecture studio spaces are vertically integrated with students from various years working in proximity to one another. This arrangement promotes mentoring and social development as senior students regularly mentor junior students.

Each student is provided individual work space and a computer connection to the College Network and Internet. Core coursework is supported with a parallel technology module sequence that teaches advanced applications of relevant industry-standard software. Located in Seaton Hall, the Paul Weigel Library of Architecture, Planning and Design is an excellent teaching and scholarship resource, and the main University library, Hale Library, is located nearby.

Why Manhattan, Kansas?

Manhattan, Kansas is a college-town that is family friendly, has a growing diverse population in the region, and is home to welcoming, civic-minded residents. We enjoy excellent schools, a dynamic parks-and-recreation system, and many cultural activities—including a vibrant farmer's market, burgeoning arts and music scene, and numerous community events and festivities. With a population of more than fifty-thousand residents, our town is large enough to find everything you need, yet small enough to have a comfortable community feeling. Our traditional bungalow-style, tree-covered neighborhoods are on the historic downtown street grid, while other neighborhoods meander into the surrounding landscape. With direct jet service from Manhattan to both Chicago and Dallas-Fort Worth we are connected to the world. Manhattan was recently rated by Forbes as the nation's best small city for careers (www.forbes.com/best-places-for-business/list/small). Manhattan is one of America's best kept secrets. Poised for growth, the future of this community is as promising as a prairie sunrise.

Note: this last paragraph echoes many of the elements described by Forbes in their survey of the nation's "best" small cities, and corresponds with the thoughts of a recent visiting scholar who said: "Something is happening in Manhattan!"