Monica Gagliardi, MLArch

Landscape Designer

Education

- Master of Landscape Architecture, Concentration in Ecological Restoration, Temple University, 2015
- Bachelor of Science, Psychology, James Madison University, 2002

Professional Experience

- Landscape Designer, Viridian Landscape Studio Philadelphia PA, 20017 - Present
- Chester Parks Master Plan, Chester City PA; Fairleigh Dickinson University Campus Identity Plan; Master Plan for Society Hill Neighborhood, Philadelphia PA; Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education River Trail Entrance Design, Philadelphia PA; New Residence Courtyard for ProjectHOME, Philadelphia PA; and Philadelphia Water Department Green Infrastructure Projects, Philadelphia PA

Landscape Designer, Jonathan Alderson Landscape Architects, Wayne PA, 2016-2017 AutoCAD draftswoman for high-end residential projects; Marketing Specialist – achieved 2016 International WAN Award shortlist honor for firm with submission *The Meadow Garden at Longwood Gardens*

Senior Associate Director, Conwell Society Marketing and Fundraising Gifts Officer, Temple University, Philadelphia PA, 2015 - 2016

Revamped \$200K yielding Leadership Annual Fund program to generate over \$4.2M annually; Increased Conwell Society membership by 13%, dollars raised by 57% and retention from 58% to 90% over three years through organizational partnerships, strategic engagement, targeted messaging and newly branded identity

- Associate Director, Conwell Society Marketing and Fundraising Gifts Officer, Temple University, Philadelphia PA, 2012 - 2015 Spearheaded strategy for Conwell Society Stewardship-Cultivation program to ensure Temple's future fundraising success; Led creative on Conwell marketing and branding
- Assistant Director, Stewardship Communications and Marketing, Temple University, 2008-2012 Managed gift acknowledgments for the University President and Senior Vice President
- Private Reading Tutor and Freelance Educator, Independent Contractor, Media, PA, 2000-2009 Fostered academic improvement from near failing to

satisfactory or better over the course of an academic year through tailored instruction

Associate Teacher, Wilmington Friends School, Wilmington, DE, 2004-2006

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With a focus on active participation through experiential learning, developed and taught core content and coached conflict resolution skills using Quaker principles for grades K-2

Leadership and Affiliations

Juror: Drexel University and Temple University, Philadelphia PA, 2017

- Rose Valley Environmental Advisory Council, Rose Valley PA, Member 2012-2016, Chair 2016-present
- Ballet 180 Dance Company Board of Directors, Paoli, PA, Member 2015-2016, Chair 2016-2017
- Temple University Alumni Advisory Council, Ambler, PA Member 2016-present
- Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) Student Guild Member, International, 2010-2015
- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Student-Associate Member, 2010-2016

Honors and Awards

- Honor Society of Sigma Lambda Alpha (SLA) Member, National, 2015
- Winner of annual SLA National Travel Grant competition: Timelessness in the Postindustrial Landscape, Landschaftspark, Germany, 2015
- Temple University Landscape Architecture Faculty Award for Academic Excellence, 2015
- PA-DE ASLA Student Honor Award, General Design: Oxford Wetland Mitigation, 2015 Cedarbrook Woodland Trail, 2014
- Society for Ecological Restoration Mid-Atlantic Poster Presenter: Relevance of Design in Ecological Restoration, 2014 and 2015
- James Madison University Study Abroad Scholarship Florence, Italy, 2001
- First female member of the James Madison University Breakdancing Club

Thesis

Chester City as the Model for Ecological Urbanism and Zero Waste Transforming Postindustrial Cities

Skills

Graphic: InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, AutoCAD, 3D modeling, SketchUp, ArcGIS, Drafting, Rendering Technical: Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, Mac OSX, Millennium, Banner

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Monica Gagliardi received her BS in Psychology from James Madison University and her Master of Landscape Architecture from Temple University. With a passion for learning and inspired by the idea of leaving the world better for the next generation, Monica spent five years working as an elementary schoolteacher, and eight years devoted to fundraising and marketing for Temple University.

Monica believes understanding relationships is the cornerstone of innovation. A strong relationship is more than something we all want, it's something we need. To be our happiest, healthiest, most productive selves, we must choose to coexist in harmony, ecologically and socially.

She's learned to read landscape through an inquisitive eye as an explorer, ecologist, psychologist, and to design as a teacher, activist, philanthropist and participant. Identifying, analyzing and understating relationships macro to micro, natural to built — are the methods used for interpreting systems within a space. It's through this prism that she distills complexity into responsive and conscious designs that are unconsciously relevant and inspiring.

The PA-DE ASLA and the Honor Society of Sigma Lambda Alpha have recognized her work, earning two General Design Student Honor Awards and a Research Travel Grant to study the postindustrial landscapes of Landschaftspark, Duisburg-Meiderich, Germany.

Monica's life's goal is to make a significant positive impact on the world by shifting culture toward a paradigm focused on maximizing ecological health and human potential. The common thread in her work is an emphasis on balanced, healthy relationships and the power of collectiveness — ecological and human, past-presentfuture, explicit and obscure — all in support of a viable, livable and just future for all.

