

The Landscape Architects in our Midst

Connie Fan, ASLA is president of LSG Landscape Architecture, based in Tysons, Virginia, and leads sustainable design efforts for the company. Connie's work ranges from commercial, institutional, and planning projects to public streetscape revitalization, and her most recent work has concentrated on sustainable site initiatives and smart growth. Connie was recently involved with a ULI Advisory Services Panel for intensive community outreach supporting reclamation of public spaces in the context of an urban highway repositioning project. This collaboration has led to Connie's increasing work with the social impact of Landscape Architecture. She holds a certification in Healthcare Garden Design. She also actively pursues and researches green and sustainable initiatives. Connie graduated from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, NY with a Master's in Landscape Architecture.

Christian Gabriel, PLA, ASLA is the Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) where he oversees six major divisions, and a staff of more than 200 professional staff leading in the areas of Land Acquisition, Planning, Design, Construction, Communications, Management, and Technology. Previously he served as the first National Design Director for Landscape Architecture at the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) where he was heavily involved with the development and delivery of more than 200 major LEED certified Federal projects located across the nation, and with more than 20 projects currently pursuing SITES certification, and three certified to date. Prior to his public service, his most formative experience in design was spent developing notable landscape architectural projects as a Senior Design Associate in the studios of both Thomas Balsley Associates and Ken Smith Landscape Architects in New York City, where he was central to the design and delivery of many of those firms most notable works, including Hunters Point South, the Orange County Great Park, the Museum of Modern Art's roofscape, 7 World Trade Center, and Kasumageseki Plaza in Tokyo, Japan.

Maureen D. Joseph, ASLA, is the Resource Management Division Lead for the George Washington Memorial Parkway for the National Park Service, National Capital Region. She earned her B.S. degree in landscape architecture from Colorado State University. Maureen has over thirty-one years of experience working for the National Park Service in various positions. Most notably she is recognized her documentation of cultural landscapes and development of treatment guidance for park managers for a variety of landscape types, from designed landscapes to vernacular landscapes. She has authored or co-authored numerous cultural landscape studies for several National Park Service parks. In recent years, she supervised Cultural Landscape research for some notable Washington DC modernist public landscapes. Maureen now oversees the resource management duties for the George Washington Memorial Parkway, which includes Great Falls Park, three historic parkways, two historic house sites, a lighthouse, fortifications, trail networks, and two presidential memorials.

Nick Nelson is a registered Landscape Architect at the US Botanic Garden, a jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol. Since 2008, he has led in-house teams and contractors to plan, design and execute exhibits, always seeking to balance display and education. Nick also develops concepts and working drawings based on internal and external collaboration and input, leading to long term garden and facility improvements. Nick graduated with a degree in Landscape Architecture from West Virginia University, then began his career at Longwood Gardens, as Planning and Design Assistant, and also spent time in private practice, at LSG Inc.

Marisa Scalera, ASLA is a Landscape Architect for Smithsonian Gardens, an outdoor museum and living classroom with 25 million annual visitors. Since joining the Smithsonian Institution team six years ago,

Marisa collaborates on all garden exhibits and planning, design, and construction projects in the Smithsonian Gardens. She is a licensed landscape architect with twenty years' experience practicing landscape architecture in Washington, DC. Her work supports Smithsonian Gardens' broader mission to engage people with plants and gardens, inform on the roles both play in our cultural and natural worlds, and inspire appreciation and stewardship.

Matthew Sellers, PLA, ASLA, LEED GA is the Landscape Architect at the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, providing thoughtful and creative planning and design solutions for the Zoo's visitors and inhabitants. His education is in urban planning and landscape architecture from Virginia Tech University. He is a landscape architect licensed in the state of Maryland, and member of ASLA. His professional history includes work with the landscape architecture firms Stephenson + Good (9 years) and Clinton & Associates (5 years). He also taught courses in the Landscape Design and Sustainable Landscapes program at George Washington University (12 years). Matthew's experience includes the design and construction administration of residential gardens, public plazas, playgrounds, perimeter security master plans, multi-acre mixed-use neighborhood developments, and animal habitats.