

# HELEN WALTHIER, MLA

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

My goal is to provide environmentally sensitive landscape solutions that are contextually appropriate, elegant, functional and inviting within budgetary and regulatory constraints. Experience includes client interface, site analysis, design development, Construction Documents and presentation graphics. Skills include AutoCAD, hand and digital rendering, InDesign, Native Plant Preservation Ordinance plans, analytical, management and regulatory skills.

## EDUCATION

Masters in Landscape Architecture-University of Arizona, May 2008

Juris Doctor-University of Arizona

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN WORK EXPERIENCE

**L J Design & Consulting: Landscape Designer 4/2013 to 4/2014**

**Kimley-Horn and Associates: (KHA purchased SAGE in 8/2010) Landscape Designer 8/2010 to 11/2012**

**SAGE Landscape Architecture and Environmental: Landscape Designer 2008 to 8/2010; Intern 2005-2008**

## SAMPLE PROJECTS

**Camino Verde Extension-Valencia Road to Brightwater:** Native Plant Preservation and Riparian Habitat analysis and mitigation plans; Coordination with Pima County DOT, Planting plans, Details

**Houghton Road Bridge at UPRR:** Native Plant and Riparian Habitat mitigation plans. Research and presentation for use of DriWater as irrigation in desert and slope areas

**South Mountain Community College Library:** 2012 AZ ASLA President's Award and Award of Excellence; Project references the contextual agricultural history of the site, and integration of building and landscape. Landscape Designer for the project: Concept Design; Design Development; Planting and Hardscape research, design, and CAD; Team meetings; Construction Documents

**El Corazon de los Tres Rios del Norte:** A 25 page Strategic Implementation Plan for the City of Tucson at the Santa Cruz River and its two major tributaries at the historic heart of Tucson's civilization. The project contains numerous enhancement and preservation sites; implementation and feasibility analysis; and extensive graphics.

**Canoa Ranch Restoration Park:** An historic working ranch developed as a 7-acre historic park for Pima County: Site inventory; Interviews; Planting and Cultural Research; Concept Design development; Exhibits; Graphics

**La Posada Adult Living Central Park:** An 8 acre Senior Living Campus Design project containing a Central Park, Meditation Garden, Zen Garden, Japanese Garden, Prose Garden, Chess and Ramada areas: Site Analysis, Concept Design, Planting Plan, Hardscape Plan, Fundraising Presentation Graphics, Construction Documents.

**El Paso and Southwestern Railroad Greenway:** A 165 page Site Analysis book, and a 71 page Master Plan book for an 8-mile Rails-to-Trails Project connecting historic and cultural centers in Tucson and South Tucson. Major influences include sustainable design, cultural and historic influences, and site appropriate hardscape and planting elements. Tasks Included: Site Inventory; Cultural Research; Interviews; Concept Development; Design Standards; Needs Analysis; Presentation Graphics

**Airport Wash Greenway:** Conceptual document with site analysis and presentation graphics for planning and financial negotiations on behalf of Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

**Harrison Greenway:** Design and construction oversight of an 8-mile Multi-Use Trail for Pima County including bike-traffic interface, coordination with Vail School District and Davis Monthan Air Force Base. Tasks included Site Analysis, Concept Development, Team Meetings, Design Development, Construction Documents

**Thomas Residence:** Extensive landscape renovation including hardscape and planting design, new boulder water feature, iridescent accent tiles, pavers, planting. Design, Construction Documents and Construction Administration

**Ashton Residence:** Landscape renovation including hardscape and planting design, additional patio space, lighting design for Entry garden and back yard space. Design, Construction Documents and Construction Administration

### **MASTERS REPORT**

A Pro Bono 125 page Conceptual Master Plan for an 1100 hectare (2700 acre) Environmental Estate for the government of Palawan, the Philippines. Included two-weeks of research in Palawan. Program elements: 1. Scientific Research Centers to Study the Ecology of the Asian Basin; 2. Sustainable Eco-Tourism Complex; and 3. Conservation of endangered species: Mangroves, Coral Reefs, and Rainforest. Included: Site Analysis, Cultural Interpretation, Conceptual and Design Development; Used hand graphics, Photoshop and InDesign.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE, HONORS AND AWARDS: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

**2014 Volunteer Instructor:** Juvenile Offenders program Introduction to Landscape Architecture Profession

**2014 Focus Group Professional Member:** Review of University of Arizona CAPLA Dean Cervelli

**2013 University of Arizona, Masters Thesis Committee Member:** Lori Radcliffe-Meyers “A Landscape of Memories, A Master Plan design for the Crawford Town Hall”

**2013 Guest Lecture:** University of Arizona Graduate Professional Practice Course in Landscape Architecture

**2012 Arizona ASLA General Design Award of Excellence and 2012 President’s Award for South Mountain Community College Library and Campus Expansion:** Landscape Designer; Selected by out of state jury

**2011 University of Arizona, Guest Critique:** Design Studio III, Project #2 “Hypothetical Resort Master Plan and Design”

**2008- 2010 Arizona’s ASLA Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) Representative:** Prepared Arizona Fact Sheet of recommended historic sites; 2010: Article published in ASLA PPN on Arizona’s HALS process

**2010 Presenter, Arizona ASLA Annual Awards Meeting:** HALS Overview and Status update

**2010 Guest Critique:** University of Arizona Portfolio Design Studio course

**2009 Juror:** University of Arizona Design Excellence

**2008, 2009, 2010 Shadow Day Host for University of Arizona Students:** SAGE Landscape Architecture and Environmental

**2008 Student Graduate Speaker:** University of Arizona College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture Commencement Ceremonies

**2008 ALSA Honor Award:** Outstanding Landscape Architecture Graduate of the Year: selected by faculty and community professionals

**2008 University of Arizona Olmsted Scholar, Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF):** Selected by the Landscape Architecture faculty, University of Arizona

**2008 Tejido Fellowship for Outstanding Contribution to the Profession in International Studies**

**2007 Sigma Lambda Alpha:** Top National Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Leadership in the Profession

**2007 Sigma Lambda Alpha National Travel Grant:** Recipient of one of five grants nationally

**2007 Sigma Lambda Alpha, International Honor Society of Landscape Architecture:** Membership

**2007 ASUA Academic Enrichment Grant, University of Arizona:** Recipient of one of four grants from the University of Arizona

**2006-2007 Student Body President, Student ASLA University of Arizona:** Drafted club Constitution; Obtained official club status on campus; Produced Design Excellence Student Showcase Week with Reception and Award Ceremony; Twice monthly Brown Bag Guest Lecture series; Student social and fund raising events.

**2005-2007 Dean's Advisory Committee:** Elected the Landscape Architecture student representative

**2007 Design Excellence Awards:** Dean's Award of Excellence; Award of Merit for Environmental and Cultural Sensitivity; Second Year Best Group Project, Second place

**2007 Two Projects featured in publication:** Creating Outdoor Classrooms and Habitats, Johnson, Lauri MacMillan. 2008. Austin, University of Texas Press. "McGrew Memorial Plaza" and "Lawrence Intermediate School Heritage Garden"

**2006 Tucson Garden Club Outstanding Student Award and Scholarship:** Selected by CALA faculty

**2006 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ervin Zube Outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> Year Student Scholarship Recipient:** Selected by CALA faculty