

# KENNETH J. KOKROKO | PLA, ASLA

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Assistant Professor, School of Landscape Architecture and Planning, University of Arizona (Last updated August 2021)

## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

### EDUCATION

- 2017      **University of Arizona | School of Landscape Architecture and Planning** | Tucson, AZ  
Master of Landscape Architecture  
Masters Report: *Interstitial Interventions: Exploring an Emergent Landscape Infrastructure*  
Honors: American Society of Landscape Architects (Arizona Chapter) Honor Award, Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society, Master of Landscape Architecture Outstanding GPA, Master of Landscape Architecture Best Colleague Award (student selected)
- 2013      **University of Arizona | School of Anthropology** | Tucson, AZ  
BA Anthropology with Minor in Environmental Sciences  
Honors College Thesis: *Cultivating Community: Social Networks, Gardening, and Community Resilience in the Sonoran Desert*  
Honors: Summa Cum Laude and Honors, School of Anthropology Scholars' Award, Tau Sigma National Honor Society
- 2011      **Pima Community College** | Tucson, AZ  
General Education Requirements

### PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- 2020-Present      Licensed Landscape Architect, Michigan, License Number 3901001786

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2021      **University of Michigan | School for Environment & Sustainability** | Ann Arbor, MI  
Master's Project Client/Collaborator, *Greening the Common Ground: Mapping Equitable Access to the Joe Louis Greenway*, with Dr. Derek Van Berkel
- 2013-2014      **University of Arizona | Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology** | Tucson, AZ  
Post-Baccalaureate Research Assistant

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-2021 **SmithGroup** | Ann Arbor, MI

Associate | Landscape Architect | Urban Designer

Beaumont Royal Oak, Facility Master Plan | Royal Oak, Michigan  
Project Designer

Buffalo Central Terminal Site & Neighborhood Planning | Buffalo, New York  
Project Designer, Public Engagement Coordinator

City Of Detroit, Campau / Davison / Banglatown Neighborhood Plan | Detroit, Michigan  
Project Designer

Colorado School of Mines, Master Plan | Golden, Colorado  
Project Designer

Connecting The Rouge Framework Plan | Wayne County, Michigan  
Mobility Strategist

Delta College, Midland Center Site Selection | Midland, Michigan  
Project Designer

Fitz Forward Strategic Implementation Plan | Detroit, Michigan  
Project Designer

Joe Louis Greenway Framework Plan | Detroit, Michigan  
Project Designer, Public Engagement Coordinator, Mobility Strategist

Joe Louis Greenway Phase 1 Implementation | Detroit, Michigan  
Lead Designer

Joe Louis Greenway Phase 2 Implementation | Detroit, Michigan  
Lead Designer

John Muir Health, Integrated Strategic Facilities Master Plan | Walnut Creek, California  
Project Designer

Johnson Family Property & Residence, Master Plan | Webster, Michigan  
Lead Designer

Little Caesars Global Resource Center | Detroit, Michigan  
Graphic Production

Miami University, Long Range Master Plan | Oxford, Ohio  
Project Designer

Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Redevelopment Ready Communities Community  
Planning | Various Locations, Michigan  
Project Designer, Public Engagement Coordinator

Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, Sashabaw Branch | Independence Township, Michigan  
Lead Designer

Milliken State Park Master Plan Update | Detroit, Michigan  
Lead Designer

Monroe-Harroun Intersection Enhancements | Sylvania, Ohio  
Lead Designer

River Raisin Park | Manchester, Michigan  
Lead Designer

Sandusky Downtown East Bay Vision | Sandusky, Ohio  
Graphic Production

## HONORS & AWARDS

### NATIONAL AWARDS

- 2020 **National Planning Achievement Gold Award for A Best Practice**  
American Planning Association  
Campau / Davison / Banglatown Neighborhood Framework Plan (with Interboro Partners & SmithGroup)
- 2020 **AIA Regional & Urban Design Award**  
American Institute of Architects  
Campau / Davison / Banglatown Neighborhood Framework Plan (with Interboro Partners & SmithGroup)

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 (Upcoming) “Storytelling Through Design: Honoring Diverse Voices” | American Society of Landscape Architecture Annual Conference | Nashville, TN
- 2021 “Mobility-City: Co-creating Equitable Transportation Solutions in Detroit” | Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) Annual Conference | Virtual  
With: Janet Attarian (SmithGroup) and Lisa Nuskowsk (MoGo Detroit)
- 2021 “Detroit’s Joe Louis Greenway: Meditations on Planning for & Tracking Equitable Access” | EDRA Annual Conference | Virtual  
With: Derek Van Berkel (University of Michigan) and Meagan Elliott (City of Detroit)
- 2021 “Creating Inclusive & Equitable Trail Development: Case Studies in Detroit and Milwaukee” | Rails to Trails Conservancy’s Trail Expert and Policy Webinar Series | Virtual  
With: Janet Attarian (SmithGroup), Cheryl Blue (30<sup>th</sup> Street Industrial Corridor Corporation), Brian Charlton (SmithGroup), Todd Scott (Detroit Greenways Coalition)

2021 "Parks as Catalysts for Inclusive Economic and Community Development" | City Parks Alliance's Urban Park and Recreation Webinar Series | Virtual

## **AWARDED GRANTS**

2019 "Infrastructure as Public Space: Meditations on Equitable Access" (\$5,000)  
SmithGroup | Exploration Grant  
**PI Kenneth Kokroko (100%)**