
PAUL KELSCH, PhD, ASLA

Washington Alexandria Architecture Center, Virginia Tech

Education PhD, Geography, Royal Holloway College, Univ. of London, 2003.
Dissertation: "Cultivating Natural Histories: The Construction of Nature in Four American Forest Landscapes".
Master of Landscape Architecture, University of Michigan, 1986.
Bachelor of Architecture, University of Notre Dame, 1981.

Academic Appointments Robert L. Turner Chair in Urban Design and Coordinator, Urban Design degree program, Virginia Tech, School of Architecture + Design, Washington/Alexandria Architecture Center, 2021-present.
Associate Professor, Landscape Architecture Program, Washington/Alexandria Architecture Center, 2006-2021.
Assistant Professor/Program Coordinator (2004-06), Morgan State University, Department of Landscape Architecture, 2001-06.
Associate Professor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State Univ., Dept. of Landscape Architecture, 1987-96. Tenured, 1993.

AWARDS

University Award for Outreach Excellence, 2020
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Merit Award in Historic Preservation, 2019
American Society of Landscape Architects, Potomac Chapter
Women's Memorial Groves along the Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy

Award for Excellence in Outreach, 2017
School of Architecture + Design
Rosslyn Waterfront Studio

Award for Excellence in Creative Achievement, 2016
School of Architecture + Design
Site Design for Springsbury Arboretum at Casey Tree Farm

Merit Award in Design, 2016
American Society of Landscape Architects, Potomac Chapter
Springsbury Arboretum at Casey Tree Farm (Team co-leader)

Second Place, National HALS Challenge, 2016
Commemorative Groves along the Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, VA

Award for Excellence in Scholarship, 2014
School of Architecture + Design
Cultural Landscape Histories: George Washington Memorial Parkway

Award for Excellence in Outreach, 2013
College of Architecture and Urban Studies
Master Plan, Casey Tree Farm, Berryville, VA (Team leader)

First Place, Casey Tree Farm Competition, 2013
National interdisciplinary design competition
Master Plan, Casey Tree Farm, Berryville, VA (Team leader)

Merit Award in Design, 2013
American Society of Landscape Architects, Potomac Chapter
Springsbury Institute at Casey Tree Farm (Team leader)

First Place, National HALS Challenge, 2010
Topographies of Amusement: Glen Echo Park, MD (Team leader)

SELECT SCHOLARSHIP

Fellowships Dumbarton Oaks Fellowship, Garden & Landscape Studies, 2014.
“Natural Histories of the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial”.

Book Chapters

Kelsch, Paul “Discovering the Field”. In P. Horrigan, & T. Oles (Eds.), *Fieldwork in Landscape Architecture: Methods Actions Tools*. New York: Taylor & Francis/Routledge. In press.

Kelsch, Paul “Constructions of American Forest: Four Landscapes, Four Readings”, *Environmentalism and Landscape Architecture*, Conan, M., ed., (Washington: Dumbarton Oaks, 2000), 165-185.

Refereed Journal Articles

Kelsch, Paul “Viewing the Landscape of the George Washington Memorial Parkway: A Cultural History of Scenic Resources and Landscape Ideology,” *Land* (11, no. 8, 2022).

Kelsch, P., Krider, K., & LaCoe, J. Accessing a Riverfront: Reimagining the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Rosslyn, Virginia. *Transportation Research Record.*, 2017.

Kelsch, P. and Colombo, N. “Topographies of Amusement: The Evolving Terrain of Glen Echo Park, Maryland,” *Studies in the History of Gardens and Designed Landscapes*. (London and Philadelphia: Taylor and Francis Group, Ltd.), 2013

Kelsch, Paul “Cultivating Modernity, History and Nature: The Planting Design for the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway,” *Studies in the History of Gardens and Designed Landscapes*. London and Philadelphia: Taylor and Francis Group, Ltd., 2013.)

Kelsch, Paul “Putting the History in Natural History: Buster Simpson’s *Host Analog* and Alan Sonfist’s *Time Landscape*,” *Visual and Historical Geographies: Essays in Honour of Denis Cosgrove, Historical Geography Research Series, no 42*. (London: Historical Geography Research Group, Royal Geographic Society, December 2010.)

Refereed Conference Proceedings

Kelsch, P. “Designing for History and Safety along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway”, In R. Smardon, B. Chamberline, & R. Hoffman (Eds.), *Exploring Landscape as Culture, Resource, Home*, in press.

Kelsch, P. “History and Ecology in Redesigned Forest Edges of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.” In *Landscape Research Record 10*, 2021. Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.

Kelsch, P., Schiavoni, A., Cortez, A., & Fettig, J. “Using Sections to Assess Sequential Experience along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.” In R. Smardon, & R. Hoffman (Eds.), *Seeking 20/20 Vision for Landscape Futures*. Newtown Square, PA: U.S.D.A. Forest Service, in press

Kelsch, Paul “Viewing the *Landscape* of the George Washington Memorial Parkway”. In: Gobster, Paul H.; Smardon, Richard C., eds., *Landscape and Seascape Management in a Time of Change*. Gen. Tech. Rep. NRS-P-183. Newtown Square, PA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station: 86-95. 2018.

“Of Muddy Waters and Presidential Memorials: Erosion & Sedimentation in the Potomac River Watershed,” *Landscape Research Record*, No. 4, 2016, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.

“Personalizing a Parkway: Women’s Memorial Groves along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway,” *Landscape Research Record*, No. 2, 2014, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.

“Modernity, History and Nature: Cultural Succession in the Vegetation of the George Washington Memorial Parkway,” 2011 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, National Conference.

Competitions

“Re-frame, Re-cast, Re-tell: Freedom Stories along the Anacostia,” Semi-finalist, Memorials for the Future Competition sponsored by the National Park Service and Van Alen Institute, team member, 2016.

Casey Tree Farm Competition, First Prize. Led interdisciplinary team of faculty and graduate students from landscape architecture, architecture, agriculture and natural resources in a master plan competition for Casey Tree Farm, a 730-acre estate owned and operated by Casey Trees, a leading urban forestry non-profit organization. 2013.

Other Publications

Kelsch, P., Cortez, A.
Fettig, J., Rahimi, R. Schiavoni, A.,

Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Cultural Landscape Report, National Park Service, National Capital Regional Office.

Kelsch, P.

Commemorative Groves along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Historic American Landscape Survey report, HALS archives, Library of Congress. HALS No. VA-66.

Kelsch, P., Colombo, N.
Estep, S., Van Belleghem, L.

Glen Echo Park, Historic American Landscape Survey report, Library of Congress. HALS No. MD-17.

Kelsch, P., Bayer, D., Sheehan, D.,

Mount Vernon Memorial Highway – South of Alexandria: Cultural Landscape Inventory, George Washington Memorial Parkway, National Park Service. Cultural Landscape Inventories. 975888. NPS National Capital Regional Office. National Capital Regional Office/ CLI Database

Kelsch, P., Perry, D., Dehmlow, D.

Clara Barton Parkway: Cultural Landscape Inventory, George Washington Memorial Parkway, National Park Service. Cultural Landscape Inventories. 600174. NPS National Capital Region. National Capital Regional Office/ CLI Database

Kelsch, P., Miller, A.
Mills, I., and Swallow, J.

The Vegetation of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Central Section: Alexandria to Arlington Memorial Bridge, Cultural Landscape Report. 2185271. George Washington Memorial Parkway, National Park Service, National Capital Regional Office.

Sponsored Research

\$125,000

Cultural Landscape Report: Baltimore Washington Parkway
National Park Service, August 2017 – June 2020
Paul Kelsch, principal investigator

\$26,000

Site Design for Springsbury Arboretum at Casey Tree Farm
Casey Trees, Washington DC, August 2015 – June 2016
Paul Kelsch and Nathan Heavers, co-co-principal investigator

\$69,500

Cultural Landscape Inventories:
Clara Barton Parkway, Mount Vernon Memorial Highway – South
National Park Service, August 2011 – June 2013
Paul Kelsch, principal investigator

\$98,000

Cultural Landscape Report: Vegetation of the George Washington
Memorial Parkway, Central Section
National Park Service, June 2007 – August 2009
Paul Kelsch, principal investigator