

A guide to *selected* materials and resources useful for conducting Landscape Architecture research.  
Please also see the companion guide, "Landscape Architecture: Images, Maps & Plans".

## Find Books on Landscape Architecture

Try **subject searching** in ADDISON using any of these words/phrases to find books on the history, theory and practice of landscape architecture and related topics:

### GENERAL

Gardens – design – history  
Gardens – philosophy  
Landscape architecture  
Landscape architecture – History

Landscape architecture – Philosophy  
Landscape design  
Landscape gardening – country/state  
Landscape gardening – History

### LANDSCAPE TYPES

Amusement parks  
Botanical gardens  
Cemeteries  
Children's gardens  
Community gardens  
Environment (Art)  
Ethnic neighborhoods  
Gardening to attract wildlife  
Gardens -- Design -- History  
Golf courses – design and construction  
Historic districts  
Historic sites  
Labyrinths  
Land Art - use the term: Earthworks (Art)

Maze gardens  
Memorials  
National parks  
Natural gardens  
Parks -- Design and construction  
Playgrounds  
Plazas  
Rock gardens  
Roof gardening  
Rose gardens  
Sanctuary gardens  
Sculpture gardens  
Wall gardens  
Waterfronts -- Design and construction  
Waterfronts -- Planning

### PLACES/PERIODS/STYLES

Gardens – (place name) - history  
Gardens – Baroque  
Gardens – Renaissance  
Landscape architecture – (place name, e.g.: Netherlands) – (century, e.g.: 17<sup>th</sup> Century)

### LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS\*

landscape architects – biography  
landscape architects – (country/state of origin, e.g.: Great Britain or Virginia) – directories  
landscape architects – dictionaries  
landscape architects – directories  
landscape architects – exhibitions  
landscape architects – history  
landscape architects – interviews  
women landscape architects

\* To search for books about a particular landscape architect try a subject and/or author search in Addison under the name of the landscape architect (last name first) and/or the firm's name.

### RELATED TOPICS

Forest landscape design  
Historic preservation  
Human ecology  
Human geography

Landscape protection  
Spatial behavior  
Urban ecology  
Urban forestry  
Urban geography

## Browsing the Stacks

If you would like to browse, look in the **SB** section of the library stacks for books specifically on landscape architecture and gardening. Keep in mind, however, that not all books on landscape architecture/architects are located in the SB's.

## Find Articles on Landscape Architecture

Here is a *selected* list of library-provided databases that contain citations and possibly full-text articles related to landscape architecture (Available to VATEch community only). To access these databases from the University Library's homepage (<http://www.lib.vt.edu>) click on the "articles/databases" link.

**Interlibrary Loan** If you want to obtain an article or conference proceeding that the University Libraries do not own, try requesting the item from Interlibrary Loan/ILLIAD <http://www.ill.vt.edu> You can request many other types of items not owned by the libraries, including books, videos, and thesis/dissertations.

- **AGRICOLA:** An online index to the agricultural literature created by the National Agricultural Library. Coverage is from 1970 to the present and includes material on landscape architecture, horticulture and urban planning.
- **AGRIS/CARIS Centre of Information Management for International Agricultural Research - Databases:** Centre of Information Management for International Agricultural Research – Databases: These databases include material of interest to landscape architects, particularly information on developing countries. Coverage is from 1974 to the present. To enter the AGRIS database, click on the "databases" link in the left frame of the AGRIS/CARIS home page.
- **Art Full Text:** Citations back to 1984, with full text as far back as 1997. Subjects include antiques, archaeology, architecture & architectural history, art history, contemporary art, costume, crafts, decorative arts, folk art, graphic arts, industrial design, interior design, **landscape architecture**, motion pictures, museology, non-western art, painting, photography, pottery, sculpture, television, textiles, video art, etc.
- **Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals** offers a comprehensive listing of journal articles on architecture and design, including bibliographic descriptions on subjects such as the history and practice of architecture, landscape architecture, city planning, historic preservation, and interior design and decoration. It contains more than 440,000 thousand entries surveying over seven hundred American and international journals. These include not only scholarly and popular periodical literature, but also publications of professional associations, American state and regional periodicals, and the major serials on architecture and design of Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Australia.
- **CSA Illumina – Arts & Humanities Database Search:** CSA Illumina allows searching across the following databases – *Art Bibliographies Modern*, *Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals*, *Design and Applied Arts Index*, and *Bibliography of the History of Art*. These databases may also be searched individually.
  - **ARTbibliographies Modern (ABM)** provides full abstracts of journal articles, books, essays, exhibition catalogs, PhD dissertations, and exhibition reviews on all forms of modern and contemporary art, with more than 13,000 new entries being added each year. Entries date back as far as the late 1960s. ABM is the premier source of information on modern and contemporary arts dating from the late 19th century onwards, including photography since its invention. It includes abstracts of English and foreign-language material on famous and lesser-known artists, movements, and trends.
  - **Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals** (see description above)
  - The **Bibliography of the History of Art (BHA)** covers the current international literature on the history of art. BHA surveys the visual arts and material culture from late antiquity to the present. Included are both the fine arts (architecture, sculpture, painting, drawing and prints) and decorative and applied arts (popular art, folk art). BHA indexes and abstracts 1,400 journals, as well as books, conference proceedings, essays, exhibition catalogues, selected art dealers' catalogues, doctoral dissertations and microform publications. Abstracts are in either French or English and the thesaurus for data from 1990 is in both languages. BHA incorporates the complete contents of International Repertory of the Literature of Art (RILA) and Repertoire d'Art et d'Archeologie (RAA).
  - The **Design and Applied Arts Index (DAAI)** contains over 130,000 annotated references from more than 500 design and craft journals and newspapers published from 1973 onwards, and data on over 50,000 designers, craftspeople, studios, workshops, firms etc., making it the largest index of its kind in the world. Research articles are covered, along with topical news items, conference and seminar reports, and book, video and exhibition reviews.
- **CSA Natural Sciences:** Searches 19 databases in the sciences and includes coverage of journals, conference proceedings, and reports in horticulture and environmental science.

- **GeoRef:** The GeoRef database contains over 2.2 million references to the geological literature of North America from 1785 to the present and international geological literature from 1933 to the present.
- **Historical Abstracts:** Of most interest to landscape architects will be the material available having to do with the history of gardens and cultural history in general. Offers citations and abstracts from over 2,000 journals covering world history from 1450-present.
- **TRIS (Transportation Research Information Service) Online:** More than 400,000 books, journal articles, and technical reports on transportation research from the 1960's to the present. From the U.S. Department of Transportation.

**Journal List** This is a *selected* list of publications that have good coverage of landscape architecture and that the University Libraries currently receive. All titles are located in the Art and Architecture Library, unless otherwise noted. Check Addison, the online library catalog for specific holding information. A complete list of journals held at the Art and Architecture Library is available online at: [http://www.lib.vt.edu/services/branches/artarch/currents\\_list.pdf](http://www.lib.vt.edu/services/branches/artarch/currents_list.pdf)

<b>Anthos</b> The official publication Switzerland's society of professional landscape architects, Bund Schweizerischer Landschaftsarchitekten (BSLA) and is published in German and French, with portions of the news column published in English.	SB469 A5
<b>Garden History</b>	SB451 .G34 (only available online)
<b>Green Places</b> Published by the Landscape Design Trust, whose mission is "to foster understanding and awareness of the landscape for the benefit of the environment and the community". Showcases public space projects in the UK with occasional profiles of similar projects in other, mostly European, countries.	SB469 L36
<b>Harvard Design Magazine</b>	NA1 H16
<b>Journal of the American Planning Association</b>	NA9000 A45
<b>Land Forum</b>	SB469 L35 (ceased publication in 2003)
<b>Landscape and Urban Planning</b>	QH540 L34; also available online
<b>Landscape Architecture</b> The official publication of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and as such focuses mainly on projects in the United States, with some coverage of international projects.	SB469 L3
<b>Landscape Journal: design, planning, and management of the land</b> The official journal of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA), <i>Landscape Journal</i> feature articles that are scholarly and that cover a wide range of perspectives in support of landscape architecture research (e.g. art, planning, geography, architecture, and history).	SB469 L38
<b>Landscape Management</b>	SB610 W45 Newman
<b>Landscape Research</b> The publisher of this journal, the Landscape Research Group, Ltd is a non-profit organization in the UK dedicated to the advancement of research and education dealing with the general concept and study of landscape.	SB469 L4; also available online
<b>Landskab</b> The publication of Danske Landskabsarkitekter, the Association of Danish Landscape Architects. Articles are written in the Dutch language with English-language summaries of feature articles.	SB469 H3
<b>Places</b>	NA9000 P38
<b>Preservation: The Magazine of the National Trust for Historic Preservation</b>	E151 H5
<b>Studies in the History of Gardens &amp; Designed Landscapes</b> (formerly <i>The Journal of Garden History</i> )	SB470.5 J68
<b>Topos: international review of landscape architecture and urban design</b> What sets Topos apart from other landscape architecture publications on the market today is its consistently international focus.	SB469 T66

## Thesis and Dissertations

- **Dissertation Abstracts Online:** Dissertations and theses from institutions in the North America and Europe. (Link from the A-Z list of databases off the library homepage: <http://www.lib.vt.edu/dsp/index.php?action=AllDatabases>) Try requesting thesis and dissertations from other institutions not owned by the University Libraries through Interlibrary Loan/ILLIAD (<http://www.ill.vt.edu/>).
- **VATech Electronic Thesis and Dissertations Database:** <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses/>

## Conference Papers & Proceedings

- **PapersFirst:** An index of papers presented at conferences worldwide. Coverage is from 1993 to the present. (Link to PapersFirst from the University Libraries website: <http://www.lib.vt.edu>)
- **ProceedingsFirst:** Index of worldwide conference proceedings. Coverage is from 1993 to the present. (Link to ProceedingsFirst from the University Libraries website: <http://www.lib.vt.edu>)
- **Search for conference proceedings in Addison** by doing a SUBJECT SEARCH in ADDISON for your topic along with the word "congresses". For example:
  - Landscape Architecture -- Congresses.
  - Gardens -- Congresses.
  - Memorials -- Congresses.
- **Dumbarton Oaks Colloquium on the History of Landscape Architecture** (various call numbers). The Dumbarton Oaks collection of papers on the history of landscape architecture is an exceptional series, solely devoted to an international and in-depth study of both landscape architecture and garden history. To locate these papers, search in ADDISON for the AUTHOR: *Dumbarton Oaks Colloquium*.

## Find Background Information on Landscape Architects, Movements and Materials...

### What is...? Dictionaries/Encyclopedias

- **A Dictionary of Landscape Architecture.** Baker H. Morrow. Albuquerque: Univ. of New Mexico Press, 1987. (SB469.25 M67 1987 ART/ARCH REF)
- **Encyclopedia of Gardens: History and Design.** Candice A. Shoemaker, ed. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2001. (SB465 E63 2001 ART/ARCH REF; NEWMAN)
- **Dictionary of Gardening.** Anthony Huxley, ed. in chief; Mark Griffiths, ed. 4 vols. NY: Stockton Press, 1992. (SB450.95 D53 1992 NEWMAN)
- **Dictionary of Environment and Sustainable Development.** Alan Gilpin. NY: Wiley, 1996. (HC79 E5 G518 1996 NEWMAN)
- **Grove Dictionary of Art Online (full-text):** Offers over 45,000 full-text signed articles on a vast range of visual arts and architecture topics from prehistory through the present. To access the Dictionary of Art Online, link from the University Libraries website, under "Articles/Databases". (Also available in print as Grove Dictionary of Art: N6847 G758 2000 ART/ARCH REF)
- **Environmental Encyclopedia.** William P. Cunningham ... [et al.], eds. 2nd ed. Detroit: Gale, 1998. (GE10 E57 NEWMAN)
- **Environmental Literature: An Encyclopedia of Works, Authors, and Themes.** Patricia D. Netzley, comp. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1999. (GE35 E58 1999 NEWMAN)
- **Landscape Vocabulary.** Warner L. Marsh. Los Angeles: Miramar Pub. Co. [1964]. (SB476 M37 ART/ARCH REF)
- **The Penguin Dictionary of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.** John Fleming, Hugh Honour, Nikolaus Pevsner. 5th ed. NY: Penguin Books, 1998. (NA31 F55 1999 ART/ARCH REF)
- **The Oxford Companion to Gardens.** Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, Susan Jellicoe, consulting eds. NY: Oxford Univ. Press, 1986. (SB469.25 O95 1986 ART/ARCH REF)

- ***A Technical Glossary of Horticultural and Landscape Terminology.*** Washington, D.C.: Horticultural Research Institute [1971]. (SB45 T43 ART/ARCH REF)

## Who is/was...? Biographical Dictionaries/Encyclopedias/Directories

- ***American Landscape Architecture: Designers and Places.*** William H. Tishler, ed., Washington, D.C.: Preservation Pr., 1989. (SB470.53 A44 1989 ART/ARCH REF)
- ***American Society of Landscape Architects.*** Member handbook. (SB469 A44a Latest ed. ART/ARCH REF)
- ***Historic Landscape Directory: A Source Book of Agencies, Organizations, and Institutions Providing Information on Historic Landscape Preservation.*** Lauren G. Meier, ed. Washington, DC: Preservation Assistance Division, National Park Service, [1991]. American focus. (Docs I29.126 H62 NEWMAN/DOCS)
- ***Invisible Gardens: The Search for Modernism in the American Landscape.*** Peter Walker and Melanie Simo, Cambridge, MA: MIT Pr., 1994. (SB470.5 W34 1994 ART/ARCH)
- ***Landscape Architecture: An Illustrated History in Timelines, Site Plans, and Biography.*** William A. Mann, NY: John Wiley, 1993. (SB470.5 M37 1993 ART/ARCH)
- ***MacMillan Encyclopedia of Architects:*** (NA40 M25 1982 ART/ARCH REF) Includes biographies of architects, engineers, landscape architects and planners from all geographic regions who were born before December 31, 1930. Includes a glossary in addition to indexes of architect names and works.
- ***Pioneers of American Landscape Design.*** Charles A. Birnbaum, Robin Karson, eds. NY: McGraw-Hill, 2000. (SB469.9 P56 2000 ART/ARCH)
- **Reed Registry:** A directory of North American architecture firms. CD-ROM on Reserve in the Art and Architecture Library (NA53 P76)
- ***RIBA: Royal Institute of British Architects:*** <http://www.riba.org/memdir/> Search the RIBA membership directory online.
- ***The World of Landscape Architects.*** Cerver, Francisco Asensio. Barcelona: [Arco Editorial Board], 1995. (NA2542.35 A83 1994 v.10 ART/ARCH FOLIO)

## Know Your History: Selected Writings on the History & Theory of Landscape Architecture

**History:** For a more complete list of books in the library on the history of landscape architecture, do a Subject Search ADDISON using the following terms:

Landscape architecture -- History  
Gardens -- Design -- History

Or try a Subject Keyword search using the KEYWORDS = landscape and history

- ***The Architecture of Landscape, 1940-1960.*** Marc Treib, ed. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002. (SB470.5 A725 2002 ART/ARCH)
- ***The Invisible Garden: The Search for Modernism in the American Landscape.*** Peter Walker. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1994. (SB470.5 W34 1994 ART/ARCH)
- ***Landscape Design: A Cultural and Architectural History.*** New York: Harry N. Abrams, 2001. (SB470.5 R64 2001 ART/ARCH)
- ***Landscapes in History: Design and Planning in the Western Tradition.*** Philip Pregill and Nancy Volkman. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1993. (SB470.5 P74 1993 ART/ARCH)
- ***The Landscape of Man: Shaping the Environment from Prehistory to the Present Day.*** Geoffrey and Susan Jellicoe. New York, N.Y.: Thames and Hudson, 1995. (SB470.5 J43 1995 ART/ARCH)

- **Modern Landscape Architecture: A Critical Review.** Marc Treib. MIT Press. Cambridge, MA, 1993. (SB469.23 M64 1993 ART/ARCH)

**Theory:** To locate additional books on the theory of landscape architecture try subject searching in ADDISON using the following terms:

gardens – philosophy	landscape architecture
landscape architecture – philosophy	landscape design

- **The Architecture of Landscape, 1940-1960.** Marc Treib, ed. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002. (SB470.5 A725 2002 ART/ARCH)
- **Design with Nature.** Ian McHarg. New York: J. Wiley, 1992. (HC110 E5 M33 1992 ART/ARCH)
- **Granite Garden: Urban Nature and Human Design.** Anne Whiston Spirn. New York: Basic Books, 1984. (HT166 S638 1984 Newman)
- **Greater Perfections: The Practice of Garden Theory.** John Dixon Hunt. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2000. (SB454.3 P45 H85 2000 Newman)
- **Landscape and Memory.** Simon Schama. New York: A.A. Knopf: Distributed by Random House, 1995. (GF50 S33 1995 ART/ARCH)
- **Landscape Narratives: Design Practices for Telling Stories.** Matthew Petteiger and Jamie Purinton. New York: J. Wiley, 1998. (SB472.45 P68 1998 ART/ARCH)
- **Theory in Landscape Architecture: A Reader.** Simon Swaffield, ed. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002. (SB472 T44 2002 ART/ARCH)

**Archival Collections** Many of these archives include digital (online) collections of drawings, photographs, plans and other documents related to landscape architecture.

- **Alexander Architectural Archive (University of Texas):** <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/apl/aaa/index.html>
- **American Landscape and Architectural Design, 1850-1920 (American Memory, Library of Congress):** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/mhsdhtml/aladhome.html>
- **The Architectural and Building Records of North Carolina, (North Carolina State University):** <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/architects/>
- **Architectural Archives (Athenaeum of Philadelphia):** <http://www.PhilaAthenaeum.org/archives.html>
- **Architectural Archives (University of Pennsylvania):** <http://www.upenn.edu/gsf/archives/archives.htm>
- **Burnham Archives (Art Institute of Chicago):** <http://www.artic.edu/aic/libraries/rbarchives/rbarchives.html>
- **Canadian Architectural Archives (University of Calgary):** <http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/CAA/>
- **Canadian Architecture Collection (McGill University):** [http://cac.mcgill.ca/cac\\_guide/](http://cac.mcgill.ca/cac_guide/)
- **Canadian Centre for Architecture Home Page (Montreal):** <http://cca.qc.ca/>
- **Centre for Canadian Landscape Architecture Archives:** <http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/cclaa/landscap.htm>
- **Carnegie Mellon Architecture Archives (Pittsburgh):** <http://www.library.cmu.edu/Libraries/ArchArch/>
- **Charles F. Murphy Architectural Study Center (Chicago Historical Society):** <http://www.chicagohs.org/Collections/ARCHITECTURE.html>
- **Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) (Philadelphia):** <http://www.ccaha.org/>
- **Environmental Design Archives (UC Berkeley):** <http://www.ced.berkeley.edu/cedarchives/>
- **Guide to Architecture Collections North Carolina State Libraries:** [http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/architects/Architecture\\_Guide.html](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/architects/Architecture_Guide.html)
- **Harvard University, Department of Special Collections (Frances Loeb Library):** <http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/library/coll.html>
- **International Archive of Women in Architecture (Virginia Polytechnic University):** <http://spec.lib.vt.edu/iawa/>
- **Library of Congress Architecture, Design & Engineering Drawings Collection:** <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pp/adequery.html>
- **Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Portfolio 5: Architecture, Design, and Engineering:** <http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/print/guide/port-5.html>
- **National Building Museum Permanent Collections (Washington, D.C.):** <http://www.nbm.org/Collections/index.html>

- **National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC):** <http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/>
- **New York Public Library Arts and Architecture Collection:** <http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/spe/art/artarc/artarch.html>
- **North Carolina State University Archives of Architecture and Design:** [http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/architects/Architecture\\_Page.html](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/architects/Architecture_Page.html)
- **Northwest Architectural Archives (University of Minnesota):** <http://special.lib.umn.edu/manuscripts/architect.html>
- **Olmsted Archives (National Park Service):** <http://www.nps.gov/frla/archives.htm>
- **Southeastern Architectural Archive (Tulane University):** <http://www.tulane.edu/%7EElmiller/SEAAHome.html>

## Writing About Landscape Architecture: Research & Writing Guides, Style Manuals

- ***Architectural Research Methods.*** Linda Groat and David Wang. New York: J. Wiley, 2002. (NA2000 G76 2002 ART/ARCH; there are two copies – one on Reserve and another in the stacks) Offers a good overview of research strategies including qualitative, correlational, experimental, quasi-experimental, simulation and modeling research.
- ***A Case Study Method for Landscape Architecture*** (Mark Francis, Landscape Architecture Foundation, 1999): <http://lda.ucdavis.edu/people/websites/francis/CaseStudy%20MethodAbstract.pdf>
- ***Surviving Your Thesis.*** Burton, Suzan and Peter Steane. New York: Routledge, 2004. (LB2369 S89 2004 Newman) This book takes you through the entire process of thesis production, from developing a research proposal to preparing your work for publication.
- ***Writing for Design Professionals: A Guide to Writing Successful Proposals, Letters, Brochures, Portfolios, Reports, Presentations, and Job Applications for Architects, Engineers, and Interior Designers.*** Stephen A. Kliment. New York: W.W. Norton, 1998. (NA1996 K57 1998 ART/ARCH) While geared specifically for architects, engineers and interior designers, most of the text is applicable to the landscape architecture field. A wide variety of scenarios is explored, from writing cover letters and formal e-mail correspondence, to writing marketing brochures and portfolios.
- **Citation and Style Manuals Online (including MLA):** <http://www.lib.vt.edu/find/eref/toc/citation.html>

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