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Education

- 2014 Master of Landscape Architecture II, Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Graduate with distinction
- 2011 Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Ball State University College of Architecture & Planning
Magna cum laude with honors

Academic Appointments

- 2020-present Assistant Professor, Principia College
Departments of Visual Art and Sustainability
- 2023-present Lecturer, Washington University in St. Louis
Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Department of Landscape Architecture
- 2019 Design Critic in Landscape Architecture, Harvard University
Graduate School of Design, Department of Landscape Architecture

Selected Design & Research Practice

- 2021-current Independent research & design practice, REALMS
- Shifting Village:* research examining ongoing labor of making a shifting village. Ongoing co-design of village's landscape of retreat. With Yungdrung Tsewang Gurung and Sonam Lama. Funding from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts (2022) and the Landscape Research Group (2024).
- Fuel and the Himalayan Future:* research and design for alternative fuel systems in high-altitude herb harvesting camps of northwest Nepal. With International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (2019).
- 2019-2023 Environmental Design Consultant, United Nations Office for Project Services
Examination of systematic drivers of flood disaster in southern Nepal and conceptual design of regional adaptive landscape strategies. Consultation and research on environmental design strategies in post-earthquake Nepal and post-cyclone Mozambique.
- 2019-2023 Landscape collaborator, Practice Landscape (*intermittent*)
Site design, representation, and experimental landscape fabrication.
- 2015 Research Assistant, Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Profs. Jane Hutton and Gareth Doherty

Publications

** peer reviewed*

- 2023* Carlson, Dane, "Terai Trajectories: Layering Design Action in the Plains of Nepal," *Journal of Landscape Architecture*, volume 17, issue 3, 2023.
- 2022* Carlson, Dane and Tshewang Tamang, "A Landscape that has Never Existed: Temporalities of Control and Disaster-Making in the Terai," *MIT Thresholds Journal*, issue 50, 2022.
- 2021* Carlson, Dane and Mariel Collard, "Trajectories of Practice Across Time: Moving Beyond the Histories of Landscape Architecture," *Landscape Research Journal*, volume 47, issue 1, 2021.
- 2021* Carlson, Dane, "Agencies of the Present: Landscape-Making and the Herders of Lower Mustang, Nepal," *Landscape Research Journal*, volume 47, issue 3, 2021.
- 2020 Hamel, Perrine, et al. "Exploring the Unknown Unknowns: A Critical Perspective on Disasters and Climate Risks," Co-Risk Labs blog.
- 2019 Carlson, Dane, "The Road to Disaster," *The Himalayan Times* op-ed.
- 2019 Carlson, Dane, "The Hinterlands: Designing at the Intersections of Continuity and Change," *LA+ Interdisciplinary Journal of Landscape Architecture*, DESIGN 09 Issue.
- 2018 Carlson, Dane, "Hybrid Landscapes of Nepal's Himalayan Frontier," *SPACES Magazine*, July 2018 Issue
- 2018 Carlson, Dane, "Emerging Hybridity and the New Vernacular," *Landscape Frontiers Magazine*, Volume 6, Issue 3
- 2017* Carlson, Dane, "At the Meeting of Earth and Sky: A Sacred and Profane Landscape in Upper Mustang, Nepal," *Journal of Landscape Architecture*, volume 12, issue 2, 2017.
- 2016 Carlson, Dane, "Transient Materials," featured in Platform 8.
- 2016 Carlson, Dane. "Ascent: Following the Kali Gandaki to the Roof of the World," *Landscape Architecture Frontiers Magazine*, Volume 4, Issue 1
- 2014 Carlson, Dane, "Tabula Multiplicis," featured in Platform 7.

Manuscripts in Progress

- 2026 Carlson, Dane. "Landscape Histories of Mustang: Historical Mobility and Emerging Change." *Studies in Nepali History and Society*. *Under review*.

2025 Carlson, Dane, Yungdrung Tsewang Gurung, and Sonam Lama. "Shifting Village: Retreat as Design Across Spatial, Temporal, and Social Relations that Matter." *Under review*.

2025 Carlson, Dane. "Finding Practice: Looking Beyond the Discipline." *Submitted for peer review*.

Reports

2024 Carlson, Dane, and Suresh Dhakal. *Land Tenure, Policy, and Migrating Communities in Nepal*. Developed in collaboration with Niti Foundation, 2024.

2019 Carlson, Dane. *Building Adaptive Flood Response in Nepal's Terai*. UNOPS Nepal, 2024.

Awards, Honors, Grants

2026 Principia College Summer Research Program Grant
Developing a LandBack Framework for Principia
with Ronja Bakowsky.

2024 Landscape Research Group Research Fund grant
Research and Co-Design for Autonomy in Himalayan Climate Adaptation
with Yungdrung Tsewang Gurung and Sonam Lama.

2022 Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies of the Fine Arts grant
Landscape is Change: Doing the Work of Making Landscape across Time.
with Yungdrung Tsewang Gurung and Sonam Lama.

2021 UNDP Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator Grant
Knowledge as Landscape – Co-design of Climate Just Rangelands.
with Yungdrung Tsewang Gurung, Sonam Lama, and Kuldeep Aryal.

2018 Annenberg Scholar, Principia College

2017-18 Fulbright Student Research Grant; Mustang, Nepal
Landscape Past, Landscape Future: Hybrid Landscapes on Nepal's Himalayan Frontier

2017 First Runner-up; Maeder-York Family Fellowship in Landscape Studies
Proposal: *Ghosts of the Forest - Interventions in the Post-Hemlock Northeast*

2014 Penny White Travel Fellowship, Harvard GSD Dept. of Landscape Architecture
ASCENT: Following the Kali Gandaki to the Roof of the World.

2014 Harvard Asia Center Graduate Fellowship
ASCENT: Following the Kali Gandaki to the Roof of the World.

2013 Harvard GSD Community Service Fellowship
MASS Design Group, Boston, MA

2011 National ASLA Student Honor Award in General Design

Conferences, Symposia, Talks

- 2026 Carlson, Dane. "Against the Project: Alternative Practices from Autonomous Design and Emergent Adaptation." Paper presentation at Development Studies Association. University College Dublin (remote).
- 2026 Carlson, Dane. "Research and Co-design toward Autonomy in Himalayan Climate Adaptation." Presentation at Landscape Research Group research showcase.
- 2026 Carlson, Dane. "Designing toward Landscape Autonomy: Outlining a Practice." Paper presentation at Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting.
- 2024-2026 Carlson, Dane. "Climate Crisis and Adaptation in South Asia." Invited talk for Resilience Youth Network South Asia.
- 2025 Carlson, Dane. "Finding Practice." Invited talk for LARCH 6267: Landscape Architecture Professional Practice at the Ohio State University.
- 2025 Carlson, Dane. "Climate Justice Requires Landscape Histories." Paper presentation at National Sustainability Society Conference, University of Notre Dame, USA.
- 2025 Carlson, Dane. "Shifting Village: Landscape Architecture as Making Space." Paper presentation at Netzwerk Stadt und Landschaft colloquium *Beyond Maintenance: Responsive Practices for Changing Landscapes*, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2024 Carlson, Dane. "Design as Making Space for Everyday Adaptation." Paper presentation at Everyday Adaptation Symposium, National Sustainability Society Conference, Seattle, WA.
- 2024 Carlson, Dane. "Design Practice and Climate Adaptation in Himalayan Nepal." Invited talk for Landscape Research Group researcher group.
- 2024 Carlson, Dane. "Disaster and Climate Crisis-Induced Migration in Nepal." Introductory remarks at Roundtable on Land Tenure and Crisis-Induced Migration in Nepal, Niti Foundation, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2022-2024 Carlson, Dane. "Tied Across Time: The Future of Making Landscape in the High Himalaya." Invited talk for Landscape Architecture Thesis Prep course at the University of Toronto.
- 2023 Carlson, Dane. "Shifting Village: The Design and Making of Lubra in the midst of Climate Crisis." Paper presentation at 2023 Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS), Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2022 Carlson, Dane. "Floods, Distributed Agencies, and Speculative Futures of the Terai." Paper presentation at Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Conference, Toronto, CA.

- 2022 Carlson, Dane. "Agencies of the Present: Landscape-Making and the Herders of Lower Mustang, Nepal." Paper presented at Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Conference, Toronto, CA.
- 2022 Carlson, Dane, Austin Lord, and Rashmi Singh. *Herding in the Himalayan Contemporary*. Organization of panel at Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Conference, Toronto, CA.
- 2022 Carlson, Dane. "Tied Across Time: The Future of Making Landscape in the High Himalaya." Paper presentation at Dumbarton Oaks *Landscapes in the Making* symposium, Washington DC.
- 2022 Carlson, Dane. "Mustang: Making Landscape Across Time." Invited talk, McGill University Architecture studio (remote).
- 2022 Carlson, Dane. "Finding Practice Across Time." Invited talk, MIT Architecture 4.189: Preparation for MArch Thesis (remote).
- 2021 Carlson, Dane. "REALMS: Practice Mentor talk." Royal College of Art, Environmental Architecture Program (remote).
- 2020 Carlson, Dane and Mariel Collard. "Trajectories of Practice Across Time: Moving Beyond the Histories of Landscape Architecture." Paper presentation at *OsloMet Urban Research Conference: Unscripted Futures* (remote).
- 2020 Carlson, Dane. "REALMS: Field Practice." Invited talk, GSD 2142: Landscape Representation II, Harvard Graduate School of Design (remote).
- 2019 Carlson, Dane. "Andhikhola: Building Flood Adaptation Processes." Invited talk and panel participant. *Learning from Disasters*, Yalamaya Kendra, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2018 Carlson, Dane. "Belonging/Not Belonging: Center, Periphery, and the Herders of Mustang." Paper presentation and panel participant. *Landscape Citizenships: A Symposium*, Conway Hall, London, UK.
- 2018 Carlson, Dane. "Landscape Past, Landscape Future, Hybrid Landscapes of Nepal's Himalayan Frontier," Annenberg Scholar lecture at Principia College, Elsah, IL.
- 2017 Carlson, Dane. "REALMS: Design and Research Practice." Practice presentation and panel participant, *PennDesign Landscape Dialogues*, University of Pennsylvania School of Design, Philadelphia, PA.

Teaching

Washington University in St. Louis

Fall 2023 - 26 LAND 571: Landscape Architecture History & Theory

Principia College

Fall 2020 - 26 ARTS 107: Sculpture I
ARTS 150: Drawing 1

ARTS 195: Professional Practice I
 ARTS 233: Landscape Drawing
 SPST 285: Country Studies: Nepal and Mustang
 ARTS 295: Sustainable Design
 ARTS 298: Designing in Space – Change Across Time
 ARTS 299: Digital Fundamentals
 ARTS 304: Sculpture II
 ARTS 325: Art and Critical Theory
 SUS 330: Environmental Histories
 ARTS 499: Capstone Exhibition

Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Fall 2019 GSD 1211: Design for Littoral Land: From Episode to Adaptation
 Visiting design critic; studio co-coordinated by Rosetta Elkin and Robert Gerard Pietrusko.

Invited External Juries

2025	Washington University in St. Louis <i>LA 602 final studio review</i>
2023	Washington University in St. Louis <i>LA 401 Final studio review</i>
2023	MIT Architecture <i>SMArchS thesis reviews</i>
2022	McGill University, Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture <i>Bali Studio mid-term review</i>
2021	Royal College of Art London <i>Environmental Architecture practice mentor</i>
2021	McGill University, Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture <i>Bali Studio mid-term and final reviews</i>
2020	Harvard University, Department of Landscape Architecture <i>Landscape Representation I final work review (spring)</i>
2019	Harvard University, Department of Architecture <i>Neuralisms Shenzhen studio reviews</i>
2019	Harvard University, Department of Landscape Architecture <i>Landscape Representation I final work review</i>
2017	Hong Kong University, Division of Landscape Architecture <i>Landscape architecture thesis final reviews</i>

- 2016 Ball State University, Landscape Architecture Department
Studio Island Time final reviews
- 2016 Illinois Institute of Technology, Landscape Architecture Department
Studio I: Dynamics and Processes of Place

Academic Service

- 2025 – current Principia College General Education Committee representative
- 2024 - current Principia College faculty representative, Resilience Studies Consortium
- 2024-2025 Principia College Studio Art Hiring Committee chair
- 2023 External Thesis Reader: Subhekshya Bhandari, MIT Architecture
Unsettling Roads: Ethnographies of Dust across Rural Nepal
- 2022 - 24 Principia College Nepal Abroad, faculty co-leader and planner with Dr. Nicholas Johnson
Presents and Futures of Climate Crisis in Mustang, Nepal
- 2022 - 2024 Principia College Promotions Committee member
- 2022 Event Co-organizer
Imagining Climate Futures at Principia College
- 2022 Principia College Art and Art History Department, faculty search committee member
- 2021 - 2022 Principia College Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Mattering, & Belonging Working Group, member