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### Education

University of California Berkeley - PhD in Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning, 2013  
Dissertation on Participatory Urbanism and Activism in Barcelona, Spain. Louise Mozingo, Chair.  
Research conducted through Fulbright España: Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, with Josep María Montaner, 2011-2012

University of California Berkeley - Master of Urban Design, 2006  
Master's Thesis on public space and mixed-use redevelopment in Davis, California. Elizabeth Macdonald, Chair.

University of Texas at Austin - Master of Architecture, with honors, 1998  
Capstone project on brownfield reuse and river ecologies in Austin, Texas

California State University, Fullerton - Bachelor of Arts in German, with highest honors, 1994  
International exchange at the Universität Tübingen, Germany, 1991-92

### Licenses & certificates

California Architects Board, License No. C30106, exp. 8/2021, 2006-present  
U.S. Green Building Council: LEEDtm Accredited Professional, 2004

### Academic positions

2013 - present UC Davis: Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture + Environmental Design, Department of Human Ecology  
2006, 2009-2012 UC Berkeley: Instructor & Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Landscape Architecture  
2006-2007 California State University Sacramento: Lecturer, Department of Design

### Professional practice

2006-2009 Architect & Urban Designer, Mogavero Notestine Associates, Sacramento CA  
2003-2005 Architect & Senior Designer, Lionakis Beaumont Design Group, Sacramento CA  
2002-2003 Job Captain, LPA Sacramento, Inc., Sacramento CA  
2001-2003 Project Designer / Manager, Scott Neeley & Associates, Davis CA  
2000-2001 Landscape Designer, Eleanor McKinney, ASLA, Austin TX  
1998-2000 Project Designer / Manager, Emily Little Architects, Austin TX  
1998 Designer / Intern, Hodgetts + Fung Design Associates, Santa Monica CA

### Selected Publications

2019 De la Peña, David. "Beyond Guerrilla Urbanism: Can Batlló and the Slowness of Knowing, Managing, and Making." In *Urban Design International*, Special Issue: Guerrilla Urbanism and the Social Practice of Urban Design.

2019 De la Peña, David. "Design as Democracy: Barcelona's Carritos Encourage a More Inclusive Urbanism." In *Resilience Matters: Strengthening Communities in an Era of Upheaval*. Mazur, Laurie, ed. Washington, D.C.: Island Press.

2018 De la Peña, David. "Knowing, Managing, Making." Introduction to *Building Collectively: Participation in Architecture and Urban Planning*. LaCol, Eds. Barcelona: Pol-len edicions.

2018 Gruszko, Mariel, David de la Peña and Matthew Trahan, translators. *Building Collectively: Participation in Architecture and Urban Planning*. From Spanish language original *Construir en colectivo: participación en la arquitectura y el urbanismo*. LaCol, Eds. Pol-len edicions. (original 2017).

2017 De la Peña, David, Diane Jones Allen, Randolph Hester, Jeffrey Hou, Laura Lawson, Marcia McNally, editors. *Design as Democracy: Techniques for Collective Creativity*. Island Press. (2017) **Received EDRA / Places Book Award 2018.**

- 2015 De la Peña, David. "New Landscape Urbanisms: Promising new paths for urban design. *Journal of Urban Design*.
- 2015 De la Peña, David. "Edible Sacramento: Soil Born Farms as a community-based approach to expanding urban agriculture" in Keane, Tim, ed., "incite Change | Change insight" (2015). New Prairie Press.
- 2015 De la Peña, David, Randolph Hester, Jeffrey Hou, Diane Jones Allen, Laura Lawson. "Together We Design: Landscape architects offer their best techniques for transactive form-making." *Landscape Research Record* 03.
- 2015 Cole-Weiss, Alex and David de la Peña. "International Garden of Many Colors." *The Community Greening Review, Journal of the American Community Garden Association*. Volume 20.
- 2012 De la Peña, David. "Participation and activism: the case of Can Batlló" in *Critical Files of the Barcelona Model, 1973-2004*. Barcelona: Ajuntament de Barcelona & Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya.

## **Creative work and grants**

- 2020 Sustainable Development and Stewardship: Connecting Land, Lake, and Community in North Patagonia & the Tahoe Basin. *PI for international collaboration between UC Davis and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile to undertake a comparative study of community development and ecological stewardship in the Northern Patagonian Lakes Region and Lake Tahoe, California. Received \$25,000 funding from UC Davis Global Affairs and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. (in progress)*
- 2019 UC Davis Sustainable Living and Learning Communities (SLLC), Vision Plan (COMPLETED) \*  
*Directed a year-long collaborative design process with student-led initiatives on campus, including six undergraduate SLLC fellowship recipients. Oversaw the design of a 40-acre area of the UC Davis campus, coordinated with stakeholders and university administrators. Received \$24,000 Pazala Fund Award and \$75,000 for Green Fellowship Fund and SLLC Fund, 2019-2014. <https://wordpress.com/edit/jetpack-portfolio/daviddelapena.com/872>*
- 2019 International Garden of Many Colors, City of Sacramento Garden Improvement Plan (COMPLETED, 2019) \*  
*Directed long-term participatory action research to support community gardening by 50 families in North Sacramento. Coordinated between City of Sacramento,, community-based organizations, and gardeners. Advocacy led to overturning of a city eviction and recognition as an official garden. Contributions include mapping, advocacy, and garden improvement plans presented for agency reviews. Received \$175,000 from City of Sacramento in Capital Improvement funds for garden upgrades, 2018. <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/international-garden-of-many-colors-2/>*
- 2017 UC Davis Solar Decathlon, Our H2Ouse, Faculty Advisor (BUILT) \*  
*Co-designed project in 2015 that was accepted for entry to U.S. Department of Energy competition. Co-PI and faculty advisor to student teams, for an experimental house intended to showcase energy efficiency and smart water management. Constructed house received 2nd place awards for Water & Communications and 3rd place for Health and Comfort. <https://www.solardecathlon.gov/2017/competition-team-uc-davis.html>*
- 2015 UC Davis Solar Decathlon: Aggie Sol House for California Farmworkers, Faculty Advisor (BUILT)  
*Co-designed project in 2013 that was accepted for entry to U.S. Department of Energy competition. Co-PI and faculty advisor to student design teams. Co-produced summary report on Farmworker Housing Regulatory Frameworks. Constructed house received 1st place awards for Affordability & Commuting, 4th place for Architecture, and 7th place overall. <https://www.solardecathlon.gov/2015/competition-team-uc-davis.html>*
- 2012 #Baixem, 16 Portes de Collserola Competition. With LaCol, Raons Públiques, and Margherita Galante. Client: City of Barcelona  
*Design collaborator for the "Gates of Collserola," a city-sponsored competition for improving access to the Collserola natural park and reserve. Involved extensive participation with the Canyelles community and proposed a process for extended public engagement. Contributions included mapping, graphics, and iconography **Winning entry for 16 Portes Competition, Canyelles gate.** <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/north-watt-avenue-corridor-plan/>*
- 2012 North Watt Avenue Corridor Plan. With AECOM and Mogavero Notestine Associates. Client: County of Sacramento  
*Produced planning concept for neighborhood development based upon patterns of existing stream beds. Designed typology of street types and assisted with overall project design guidelines. Assisted with design and administration of public workshop. <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/north-watt-avenue-corridor-plan/>*
- 2008 The Avenues Neighborhood Improvement Plan, Chico, CA. With MNA, The Local Government Commission, and Glattig Jackson. Client: City of Chico.  
*Project urban designer. Project included infrastructure improvements, street design, design guidelines, and site designs.*

**Received 2008 Neighborhood Planning Award from the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the American Planning Association.** <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/the-avenues-neighborhood-improvement-plan-chico-ca/>

- 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Streetscape & Urban Design Master Plan, Sacramento, CA. With MNA, Glatting Jackson, and Local Government Commission. Client: City of Sacramento and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. *Urban designer and project manager for corridor plan. Designed and conducted public workshops; produced site designs for undeveloped parcels, designed streetscape improvements; assembled final master plan document including text and graphics.* <https://wordpress.com/post/daviddelapena.com/559>
- 2006 Los Baños College Master Plan, with Lionakis Beaumont Design Group. Client: Merced Community College District *Project designer and architect for new community college campus, including landscape and design of offices, library, classrooms, and laboratories. Coordinated construction drawings and review by the Division of the State Architect.* **Received LEED certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. Received 2007 Award of Merit from the Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC).** <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/los-banos-community-college/>
- 2004 Folsom Lake College Classrooms, Labs, Offices, Library, Central Plant, Job Captain, LPA (BUILT) *Job captain for phase 1b development of new community college campus. Responsible for coordination of architectural plans, details and specifications.* **Received 2006 Award of Honor from CCFC.** <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/folsom-lake-college/>
- 2003 Harrington Law Offices, Davis, CA, Project Designer, SNA (BUILT) *Project designer with principal Scott Neeley for new infill office building in downtown Davis. Focus on green building technologies and sensitive contextual design.* **Received 2006 Citation Award from the Central Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Received 2005 Environmental Recognition Award from the City of Davis.** <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/d-street-infill/>
- 2001 Ruiz Library Landscape Plan, Austin TX, Landscape Designer, EM (BUILT) *Project designer for landscape of new library site in Southeast Austin, Texas. Responsible for production of landscape layout plans and for coordination with architects and irrigation consultants.* **Project received 2003 Best Public Building Award from the Austin Chronicle.** <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/ruiz-library-landscape-plan/>
- 2000 Restoration, Katherine Anne Porter House, Kyle, TX, Project Manager, ELA (BUILT) *Project manager for restoration of the historic home of author Katherine Anne Porter, and for new community building and surrounding landscape. Required documentation and analysis of historical house. Responsible for construction drawings, construction management, and documents for historical listing.* **Received Listing in National Register of Historic Places in 2004.** <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/katherine-anne-porter-house-restoration-and-community-building/>
- 1999 Historic Buda Stagecoach House and Onion Creek Post Office, Restoration Master Plan, Project Manager, ELA Project manager and lead designer for new community park with historically significant buildings. Responsible for design concept, all drawings, and master plan document, which was used for future project development. **Drawings included in listing for National Register of Historic Places in 2002. Project funded by \$750,000 Texas Parks and Wildlife grant; built as Buda Stagecoach Park and Visitor's Center (final design by others).** <https://daviddelapena.com/portfolio/buda-stagecoach-house-onion-creek-post-office-a-restoration-master-plan/>

## Invited presentations and workshops

- 2019 "Alternative Methods of Analysis, Representation, and Simulation in Urban Landscape Design." Participatory Community Workshop Organizer. Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, Mexico (In Spanish) October 9-11, 2019.
- 2019 "La Audacia de la Participación en el Diseño Urbano" (The Audacity of Participation in Urban Design). Keynote Speaker, 36th Habitat Week. Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, Mexico (In Spanish) October 10, 2019.
- 2019 Educating Design Activists in Landscape Architecture, Presenter, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference, Sacramento, CA. 30 Attendees. March 8, 2019. <https://cela2019.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk3056/files/inline-files/CELA2019%20-%20ABSTRACTS.pdf15>
- 2019 "Climate and Rural Justice: Impacts and Solutions." Rural Justice Summit 2019, University of California, Merced. <https://centerforhumanities.ucmerced.edu/events/rural-justice-summit> March 29, 2019.
- 2019 "SLLC Convergence," Organizer, Sustainable Living and Learning Communities and Davis Community, UC Davis. 60 attendees. March 14, 2019,

- 2018 "Knowing Managing Making: Tactical Urbanism that Lasts," Seattle Center for Architecture and Design Public Realm Speaker Series with Seattle Department of Transportation and University of Washington. 60 attendees. March 29, 2018.
- 2017 "Design as Democracy." With Randolph Hester and Marcia McNally. Department of Landscape Architecture, Fay Jones School of Architecture.
- 2014 "Mapping Urban Agriculture: Using Spatial Tools to Promote Social Equity," Rutgers University, Landscape Architecture Lecture Series. (2015)
- 2014 "Open Source Urbanism: Collective Urban Actions in Spain" for participatory art studio, "Animating Public Space," with Lauren Elder. California College of Arts, San Francisco.
- 2012 "Factories, Toboggans and an Aerial Tram: Researching Collective Urban Activism in Barcelona" U.C. Berkeley Landscape Colloquium.
- 2009 "Ecotones and the Broadway Corridor in Sacramento." Urban Design Alliance, Sacramento Design Dialogue.
- 2009 "The Pusher: A critical view of community planning." U.C. Davis, Design as Activism Lecture Series.
- 2008 "The Chico Avenues Neighborhood Plan – Lessons Learned," with Michael Notestine (MNA) and Shawn Tilman, City of Chico. California Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Conference, Monterey, CA,.

## Teaching

### Teaching Awards

- 2020 Recipient of 2020 CELA Faculty Award for Excellence in Service Learning, Junior Faculty. Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.

### University of California, Davis, Department of Human Ecology, Assistant Professor, 2013 - present

- W20 LDA 141 - Community Design Studio. 48 students.
- Sp19 LDA 198 - Fieldwork Lab. Group projects studio. 10 students.
- W19 LDA 141 – Studio & Seminar: Community Participation & Design. 40 students.
- W19 LDA 2 – Lecture: Place, Culture and Community. 108 students.
- F18 FRS-4 - First Year Seminar: Drawing the City. 16 students.
- Su18 LDA 191 & CRD 153 – Summer Abroad: Housing and Urbanism in Barcelona. 30 students.
- Sp18 LDA 201 – Graduate Seminar: Theories of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design. 8 students.
- W18 LDA 198 - Group Study - The Sustainable Living and Learning Communities Vision Plan. 5 students (plus 13 students auditing).
- F17 LDA 198 - Group Study: Solar Decathlon. 1 student
- Su17 LDA 191 & CRD 153 – Summer Abroad: Housing and Urbanism in Barcelona. With Rob Wiener. 32 students.
- Sp17 CRD 250 - Graduate Seminar - Professional Skills in Community Development. 12 students.
- Sp17 LDA 190 - Colloquium: Designing for Diversity. With Claire Napawan and Sheryl Ann Simpson. 152 students.
- Sp17 LDA 184 - Studio: Landscape Architecture Independent Capstone Projects. 17 students.
- Sp17 LDA 192 - Internship Supervision. 2 students.
- W17 LDA 102 - Seminar. Research Methods in Landscape Architecture. 31 students.
- W17 FRS4 - First Year Seminar: The Creative Practice: Cultivating Habits of Mindfulness. 18 students.
- W17 LDA 198 - Group Study. Campus Sustainability Design Projects. 2 students.
- F16 LDA 98 - Seminar: Environmental and Agricultural Sustainability Education. 7 students.
- F16 LDA 192 - Internship Supervision. 1 student.
- Su16 LDA 191 & CRD 153 – Summer Abroad: Urbanism and Housing in Barcelona. 29 students.
- Sp16 LDA 192 - Internship Supervision. 1 student.
- W16 LDA 2 – Lecture: Place, Culture and Community. 99 students.
- W16 LDA 198 – Seminar on Community Engaged Design & Journalism. With jesikah maria ross. 14 students.
- F15 LDA 191 – Studio: Advanced Landscape Design, Community Based Urban Agriculture. 14 students.
- Su15 LDA 191 & CRD 153 – Summer Abroad: Housing and Urbanism in Barcelona. With Rob Wiener. 30 students.
- Sp15 LDA 199 - Studio: Landscape Architecture Senior Projects. 20 students.
- W15 CRD 250 – Graduate Seminar: Professional Skills in Community Development. 9 students.
- W15 LDA 102 - Seminar. Research Methods in Landscape Architecture. 32 students.
- W15 LDA 190 - Colloquium: Landscape Engagements. 32 students.
- Sp14 LDA 198 - Group Study: Solar Decathlon. 7 students.
- Sp14 LDA 198 - Group Study: Agricultural Sustainability Institute landscape design. 2 students.
- W14 LDA 170 - Studio: Site Planning. 18 students.

F13 LDA 191 - Studio: Advanced Landscape Design, Regenerative Ecologies of Bodega Bay. 18 students.

### **University of California, Berkeley, Instructor and Graduate Student Instructor, 2006, 2009-2012**

F12 LA 251 – Graduate Seminar: Theories of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. Instructor. 12 students.  
Sp11 LA 201 - Landscape Architecture Graduate Studio, Marcel Wilson. Graduate Student Instructor.  
F10 LA 301 – Methods of Teaching in Landscape Architecture. Graduate Seminar. Instructor. 10 students.  
Sp10 LA 190 – Landscape Colloquium. Speaker Series Organizer.  
F09 LA 170 – History of Landscape Architecture, Louise Mozingo. Graduate Student Instructor.  
Sp06 GEOG 160b – American Cultural Landscapes, Paul Groth. Graduate Student Instructor.

### **University of California, Davis, Lecturer, 2007-2010**

Su10 American Studies 151 – Seminar: Landscapes and Places. 4 students.  
W09 LDA 70 – Studio: Introduction to Spacemaking. 20 students.  
F08 LDA 21 – Landscape Drawing Studio. 26 students.  
W08 LDA 191 – Advanced Urban Design Studio, Corridor Design. 19 students.  
Su07 American Studies 153 – Individual & Community. Instructor. 15 students.

### **California State University, Sacramento, Lecturer, 2006-2007**

F07 Interior Design 21 – Design Fundamentals Studio. 18 students.  
F06 Interior Design 124D – Seminar: Principles of House Design. Instructor. 40 students.

### **Service**

2019-present Program Director and Master Advisor, Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design Program, UC Davis  
2019-present Chair, Graduate Academic Certificate Program in Landscape Architecture, UC Davis  
2019-present Executive Board Member, Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA)  
2019-present Co-chair, Service Learning Track, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA)  
2018-2019 Co-organizer, 2019 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) Conference, Sacramento CA  
2018-2019 Co-chair, 2019 CELA Conference Theme Track: Engaged Scholarship  
2019 Landscape Education for Democracy, Faculty participant with LE-Notre Institute, Europe  
2019 Personnel Committee, Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design Program, UC Davis  
2018 Member, Graduate Studies Internal Fellowship Review Committee, UC Davis  
2017-2019 Admissions Committee, Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design Program, UC Davis  
2017-2019 Instruction Committee, Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design Program, UC Davis  
2016-Present, Faculty Fellow, UC Davis Agriculture Sustainability Institute  
2016-2017 U.C. Davis Faculty-in-Residence, Residential onsite mentor to first-year students  
2016-Present Faculty Affiliate, U.C. Davis Center for Water and Energy Efficiency  
2016 Faculty Brownbag Committee, Human Ecology Department, UC Davis  
2016 Governance Committee, Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design Program, UC Davis  
2016 Faculty Panelist, Fulbright US Student Interview Panel, UC Davis  
2015-2016 Member, Landscape Architecture Graduate Academic Certificate Committee, UC Davis  
2015-Present Faculty Advisor, U.C. Davis Sustainable Living and Learning Community  
2014-Present Member, Community Development Graduate Group Executive Committee  
2015-Present Member, Sacramento Urban Agriculture Coalition  
2014-2015 Member, Sacramento Environmental Justice Working Group  
2013-2015 Admissions Committee, Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design Program, UC Davis  
2010-2011 City of Davis, Member of Oversight Group, Third Street Improvements Project  
2007-2009 Urban Design Alliance Sacramento, Board Member, Treasurer, Volunteer  
2007-2008 City of Davis, Planning Commissioner