

MATTHEW J. CUNNINGHAM, CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design LLC, Stoneham, MA

2004–present

Founder | Principal

Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design LLC is award-winning, Boston-based firm committed to producing lush, balanced, contextual landscapes for high-end residential clientele throughout the Northeast. Guided by a spirited and collaborative process, MCLD creates and implements meaningful, authentic design solutions that embrace the complexities of each site and grasp the dynamic rhythms of everyday life. Each garden incorporates existing site features and strengthens the connections between interior and exterior spaces. Our environmentally distinctive approach results from a unique understanding of what it means to live in seasonal New England.

Reed Hilderbrand Associates, Inc., Watertown, MA

2000–2004

Project Manager | Designer | Technical Assistant

Valued team member on wide range of award-winning projects at medium-size landscape architecture firm. Gained excellent management skills, technical savvy, and strong organizational abilities. Collaborated with wide range of architects, interior designers, engineers, and contractors; coordinated and observed construction practices for high-end residential and institutional clients throughout New England. Peer collaboration drew from extensive personal plant knowledge and experience with construction processes.

Mainscape, Inc., Blue Hill, ME

1997–2000

Nursery Manager | Designer | Sales Associate

Executed all stages of private garden design and installation; supervised employees, upheld customer relations and selected retail and wholesale merchandise. Advised customers on all aspects of plant care and placement with attention to use of native species. Developed strong community relations and presented to area garden clubs on the topics of alpine plants, shade gardening, the genus *Hosta*, and seasonal garden maintenance.

Rocky Ridge Perennials, Orland, ME

1992–1997

Assistant Nursery Manager | Grower | Sales Associate

Designed and maintained extensive display gardens and practiced multiple propagation techniques for herbaceous and woody plant materials. Gained critical hands-on experience with landscape construction and carpentry practices. Co-taught interactive workshops to gardeners on the topics of: perennial bed design, organic composting, improving soil structure, container gardening, plant propagation, and insect/pest control.

EDUCATION | ACADEMIC HONORS

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

Master in Landscape Architecture, June, 2006

Certificate of Honor for Academic Excellence, American Society of Landscape Architects, 2006

James N. Snitzler Scholarship Recipient, 2004–2006

Harvard University Teaching Fellowship, awarded by Department of Landscape Architecture, 2004–2005

Honorable Mention, Urban Land Institute Student Design Competition, 2005

University of Massachusetts, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Amherst, MA

Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, cum laude, May, 2000

Special focus in environmental geology, soil ecology, earth systems sciences

Certificate of Honor for Academic Excellence, American Society of Landscape Architects, 2000

Faculty Choice Award, for outstanding academic performance and contribution to LARP department, 2000

Elected president of University of Massachusetts Student ASLA chapter, 1999–2000

Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society, 2000

Academic Dean's List, 1997–2000

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Registered Landscape Architect in the State of Maine, (#LAR3299)
Registered Landscape Architect in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (#4053)
CLARB – Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, (CLARB Record #28652), record established 2007
ASLA – American Society of Landscape Architects, membership established 1998
BSLA – Boston Society of Landscape Architects, associate member; assistant program coordinator, 2000
APLD – Association of Professional Landscape Designers, professional member since 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

GSD 6214M3: Plants In Design, Teaching Assistant, Spring, 2006
Instructor: Gary R. Hilderbrand
GSD 1211: Third Semester Core: Planning and Design of Landscapes, Teaching Fellow, Fall, 2005
Instructors: Christian Werthmann, Scheri Fultineer
GSD 1112: Second Semester Core: Landscape Architecture Design, Teaching Fellow, Spring, 2005
Instructors: Dorothee Imbert, Paula Meijerink

DESIGN JURIES

Juror, Boston Society of Landscape Architects, Professional Awards Program, Spring, 2017
Judge, *Design New England* Mentors In Design Awards, Spring, 2016
Design Critic, UMass, Amherst, Placemaking in the Regional Landscape, Final Review, LA606, Spring, 2013
Design Critic, Northeastern University, Boston, 2nd year Final Review, LARCH 2130, Fall, 2012
Design Critic, UMass, Amherst, Residential Garden Design Final Review, 397A, Fall, 2011
Design Critic, Wentworth Institute of Technology, 3rd year BArch Review, Fall, 2008
Design Juror, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Career Discovery Program, Summer, 2008
Design Juror, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Career Discovery Program, Summer, 2007
Design Critic, Boston Architectural College, LA302, New Orleans Landscape Studio, Fall, 2006
Design Critic, Boston Architectural College, Introductory Studio to Landscape Design, Spring, 2006
Design Critic, UMass, LDARC 397B, Parks and Open Space Studio, Fall, 2005
Design Juror, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, GSD 1211, Third Semester Core, Fall, 2005
Design Juror, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Career Discovery Program, Summer, 2005

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2017 2017 Designer of the Year from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Waban Hillside, Newton, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Brookline Estate, Brookline, Massachusetts
21st Annual Cambridge Preservation Award, Cambridge Historical Commission
49 Washington Avenue, Cambridge, MA
"Best of Houzz 2017" Awarded by *Houzz.com*
"Ocean Home's Top 50 Landscape Architects of 2017," awarded by *Ocean Home Magazine*

2016 2016 BONS: Best of North Shore Landscape Architect, awarded by *Northshore Magazine*
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Cambridge Garden, Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Cambridge Garden, Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Beacon Hill Courtyard, Boston, Massachusetts
International Silver Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Clamshell Alley, Lamoine, Maine
"Best of Boston 2016" Awarded by *Boston Home Magazine*
"Best of Houzz 2016" Awarded by *Houzz.com*
"Ocean Home's Top 50 Landscape Architects of 2016," awarded by *Ocean Home Magazine*

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- 2015 Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
The Winslow Garden (Kat's Garden), Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Kat's Garden, Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Longwood Garden, Brookline, Massachusetts
2015 Ocean Homes Magazine Platinum List — Honorable Mention for Best Landscape Architect
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine
"2014 Residential Tennis Facility-of-the-Year" awarded by American Sports Builders Association (ASBA)
Valentine Park, West Newton, Massachusetts
"Best of Houzz 2015" Awarded by *Houzz.com*
- 2014 American Society of Landscape Architects Residential Honor Award
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Longwood Garden, Brookline, Massachusetts
"Best Pool House of 2013" awarded by Nanawall
Valentine Park, West Newton, Massachusetts
Selected Exhibitor, Suburbia Transformed Design Competition, James Rose Center, Ridgewood, NJ
Longwood Garden, Brookline, Massachusetts
International Merit Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Beech Ledge Garden, Brookline, Massachusetts
"Best of Houzz 2014" Awarded by *Houzz.com*
- 2013 "5 Under 40" Awarded by *New England Home* — 1st landscape architect to receive honor
"Best of Boston 2013" Awarded by *Boston Home Magazine*
"Best of Houzz 2013" Awarded by *Houzz.com*
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Belmont Hill Residence, Belmont, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Farlow Hill Residence, Newton, Massachusetts
International Merit Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Valentine Park, West Newton, Massachusetts
International Merit Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Front Ridge, Penobscot, Maine
- 2012 Citation from Boston Society of Architects, project team-member with DesignLAB Architects
Emery Community Arts Center, University of Maine, Farmington, ME
International Merit Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Charles River Garden, Needham, Massachusetts
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine
LEED Gold Rating from U.S. Green Building Council
Valentine Park, West Newton, Massachusetts
LEED Silver Rating from U.S. Green Building Council
Hemlock House, Cambridge, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine
- 2011 International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
South End Courtyard, Boston, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from Association of Professional Landscape Designers
Le Petit Chalet, Southwest Harbor, Maine

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- 2010 Selected Exhibitor, Suburbia Transformed Design Competition, James Rose Center, Ridgewood, NJ
Front Ridge Residence, Penobscot, Maine
Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Front Ridge Residence, Penobscot, Maine
- 2009 Boston Society of Landscape Architects Residential Merit Award
Belmont Hill Residence, Belmont, Massachusetts
- 2008 Safe Harbor Habitat Restoration Award — Beachtree House Residence, Truro, Massachusetts

LECTURES | WORKSHOPS | EXHIBITIONS | PANELS | TOURS

- Guest Speaker, APLD Winter Landscape Design Lecture, Silver Spring, MD, "All About the Details," February 11, 2017
Guest Speaker, Ervin Zube Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, "Building A Brand," February 23, 2017
Guest Speaker for New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL), Morris Arboretum, and Connecticut College Arboretum,
Analyzing the Wild, Designing the Garden—Creating Garden Momentum, January, 2017
Guest Lecturer, Harvard GSD DES-3359, Instructor: Douglas Reed, "Gardens Evolve," October 28, 2016
Guest Speaker, University of Rhode Island Department of Landscape Architecture, "Gardens Evolve," September 22, 2016
Guest Panelist, LABash 2016 at The Ohio State University
The Knowlton School, Columbus, Ohio, April 7, 2016
Guest Speaker, Gropius House
The Bridges House, Concord, MA, April 17, 2015
Guest Speaker, Granite State Landscape Architects Annual Meeting
The Bridges House, Concord, MA, April 17, 2015
APLD New England Chapter 12th Annual Meeting and Panel Discussion at New England Grows
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Boston, MA, February 5, 2015
Design New England and Historic New England, Boston Design Week Presentation — "Reimagining the Otis House"
Guest Speaker with Architect: Patrick Ahearn, and Interior Designer: Steven Favreau; Boston, MA, March, 2014
APLD New England Chapter Winter Talk — "Award Winners Insights"
Weston Public Library, Weston, MA, March, 2014
New Jersey Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting & 50th Anniversary: "Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future"
Guest Speaker; presentation of built works, Atlantic City, NJ, January, 2014
APLD New England Regional Garden Tour — MCLD hosted afternoon tour of "Warren Estate" and "Beech Ledge"
Brookline, MA, July, 2013
Design New England 2013 Salon Series — "Now and Future Classics: Creating Designs That Will Stand the Test of Time"
Guest Speaker; Wellesley, MA, — May, 2013
South End Garden Tour — MCLD's "Harriet's Garden" featured on tour, Boston, MA, June, 2012
South End Garden Tour — MCLD's "South End Courtyard" featured on tour, Boston, MA, June, 2010
Guest Speaker, Ervin Zube Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts, Amherst — Presentation of Built Works, 2010
Guest Speaker, Heights Crossing, Brockton, MA, Presentation of Campus Design Process to Residents, Fall, 2009
Matthew Cunningham—Collage, Starbucks, Watertown, MA, 2007–2008
THREE — exhibition of photography and collage with Scarlett Bartlett and Jessica Ward Bartenhagen, Boston, MA, 2007
Guest speaker, University of Massachusetts, Amherst — Learning To Look: Graphic Language and Design Process, 2005
Treework — Vegetal Iconography, with Reed Hilderbrand Associates, Inc., Harvard Graduate School of Design, 2005
Landscape Architecture — The Intimate Expanse, exhibition of alumni works, University Gallery, Amherst, MA, 2004
Keynote speaker, Bucksport High School Commencement Ceremony, Bucksport, ME, 2004
Guest speaker, University of Massachusetts, Amherst — LARP Young Designer Panel, 2004
Portfolio Development Workshop, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2004 and 2005
Student Address — LA Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2000
UMASS Portfolio Workshop, coordinated and led student workshop with guest critics from regional firms, 2000
Untitled exhibition of botanical sketches — drawings on display at Mainescape Garden Center, Blue Hill, ME, 1998–2000
NARGS Downeast Garden Tour — exhibition of private gardens, Bucksport, ME, 1998

PRESS, PUBLICATIONS, AND INTERVIEWS

- "Land of Opportunity," by Debra Judge Silber, Greg Premru, and Kyle Hoepner
New England Home, pp. 92–103, March/April
- "Designer Puts Tallamy's Advice into Practice," by Susan harris, *Garden Rant Blog*, March 3, 2017
- "Return To Refinement," by Maria LaPiana and Richard Mandelkorn
New England Home, pp. 124–132, January/February, 2017
- "Perfect 10," by Jill Connors, Jenna Talbott, and Joel Benjamin, *Design New England*, p. 34, November/December, 2016
- "Get to Know Matthew Cunningham," by Tom Crain, *Turf Magazine*, October 19, 2016
- "A Waterside Retreat at Squam Lake," by Debbie Kane, *New Hampshire Home*, pp. 58–67, July/August, 2016
- "Prince of Tides," by Sandy Giardi, *BDG Cape & Islands Edition*, pp. 30–35, Summer 2016
- "Landscape Architect Visit: Clamshell Alley on the Coast of Maine," by Michelle Slatalla, *Gardenista*, July 4, 2016
- "Good Natured," by Andrea Timpano, *Boston Home Magazine Blog*, May 24, 2016
- "Wild by Design: Nestled & Native," by Thad Orr, *Garden Design*, pp. 126–139, Spring, 2016
- "Where Have All the Good Plants Gone?" by Matthew Cunningham for *The Designer*, Spring, 2016
- "A Little Piece of Paradise," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, pp. 146–147, March/April, 2016
- "After the Hurricane: The Resurrection of a Wild Garden in Maine," by Michelle Slatalla, *Gardenista*, November 8, 2015
- "The Cunningham Perspective," by Matthew Cunningham, *BSIA Fieldbook*, pp. 56–57, Fall/Winter, 2015
- "What Makes A Great Outdoor Living Space?" by Valarie Easton and David Despau, *Garden Design*, Summer, 2015
- "Outdoor Living Inspirations: Restoration," by Daphne Howland for *Cabin Living*, pp. 41–43, April, 2015
- "Cambridge House," *Architectural Record*, New Houses Blog, February, 20, 2015
- "Small Treasure," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, pp. 60–65, November/December, 2014
- "ASLA's 2014 Best Residential Garden Winners," by Lise Funderburg, *Architectural Digest Daily Blog*, November, 20, 2014
- "Acadia Remade," by Jane Berger, *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, pp. 90–96, Volume 104 No11, November, 2014
- "At-Home Getaway," by Sandy Giardi, *Boston Design Guide 18th Annual Edition*, 2014-2015
- "Le Petit Chalet," *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, p. 140, Volume 104 No10, October 2014
- "Cultivating Garden Style," by Rochelle Grayer; *Timber Press*, p. 162, September, 2014
- "Beech Ledge," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2014
- "Q and A with landscape Architect Matthew Cunningham," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, June, 2014
- "Out and About," *Design New England*, March/April p. 23 + Online Bonus Video of "Reimagining the Otis House," 2014
- "5 Under 40 Awards: Designers To Watch," by Kaitlin Madden; *New England Home*, September/October, 2013
- "Valentine Park," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2013
- "Belmont Hill Residence," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2013
- "Farlow Hill Residence," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2013
- "Front Ridge Residence," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2013
- "Sublime Coastal Woods Gain a Healthy New Foothold in Maine," by Becky Harris for *Houzz.com*, August, 2013
- "Great Outdoors: The 'Plant Geek'," by Katie Tandy; *Design Bureau*, p. 54, May/June, 2013
- "A Gem in the Heart of the City," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, March/April, 2013
- "One + Only," by Jill Connors; *Design New England*, March/April, 2013
- "The Ins & Outs of Houzz," by Dianna Borsi O'Brien; *Landscape Management Blog*, March 18, 2013
- "A Victorian Treasure Revealed," by Architect and Author, John Altobello for *KOO de Monde Blog*, March 6, 2013
- "Cottage - Garden Charisma," by Jackie Torres for *Cottages and Bungalows*, Volume 7, NO. 3, March/April, 2013
- "Postage Stamp Garden Delivers in Boston," by Annie Thornton for *Houzz.com*, January, 2013
- "Add Style With Retaining Walls," by *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Sunday, February 3, 2013
- "Charles River Garden," by APLD in *The Designer*, Fall, 2012
- "The Big Picture," by John Kmitta; *Landscape and Irrigation*, May/June, 2012
- "Landscape Tour: Two Acres of Rural Hillside in Maine," by Becky Harris for *Houzz.com*, May, 2012
- "Garden Tour: Colorful, Serene Woodland Near Boston," by Becky Harris for *Houzz.com*, March, 2012
- "In Plain Sight," by Pamela Reynolds; *Design New England*, May/June, 2012
- "Setting the Scenery," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*, March/April, 2012
- "Le Petit Chalet," by Chuck Bowen; *Lawn & Landscape*, March, 2012
- "Designer Snapshot: Rolling with Rock," by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home Design Blog*, March, 2012
- "Le Petit Chalet," by APLD in *The Designer*, Summer, 2011
- "South End Courtyard," by APLD in *The Designer*, Summer, 2011
- "Suburban Revolution," by Debra Prinzing for *Garden Design*, November/December, 2010
- "A Yankee Vision," by Joseph Giovannini for *Architectural Digest*, October, 2010