

MATTHEW CUNNINGHAM LANDSCAPE DESIGN LLC

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JEN STEPHENS | PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design LLC, Stoneham, MA and Portland, ME

2012–present

Principal

Matthew Cunningham Landscape Design LLC is an internationally acclaimed, award-winning design firm dedicated to creating lush, contextual landscapes throughout the Northeast. Our unique understanding of what it means to live in seasonal New England drives our environmentally distinctive approach. Our patron-focused process is dedicated to creating and implementing meaningful, authentic design solutions that grow directly from the geometry and materiality of our clients' homes. Our plant-centric projects strengthen the connections between interior and exterior spaces, bridge indoor and outdoor lifestyles, and grasp the dynamic rhythms of everyday life.

As the first member to join the team at MCLD, Jen has designed and overseen construction on dozens of projects, and she has made significant contributions to the continued evolution of the firm over the last decade.

Copley Wolff Design Group, Boston, MA

2008-2012

Project Manager

Served as project manager and lead designer on a variety of complex projects, ranging from university campuses, public schools, playgrounds, roof decks, streetscapes and urban plazas. Collaborated with a wide range of consultants, navigated complicated permitting processes, and refined construction knowledge with an emphasis on the power of placemaking.

Bigelow Nurseries, Northborough, MA

2006-2008

Retail Sales Associate

A third-generation nursery with a history of family farming and dedication to environmentally driven horticulture provided the perfect stage to learn about plants and get outside during summer breaks. Caring for, and restocking the nursery yard, was like a horticultural library for a college student. A combination of nursery sales, and design of display gardens provided an opportunity to begin the mastery of one of the profession's most dynamic mediums, and to receive Horticultural Certification in Massachusetts.

EDUCATION | ACADEMIC HONORS

University of Massachusetts, and Commonwealth Honors College, Amherst, MA

Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture, Summa Cum Laude, May, 2008

Crabtree Scholarship

Boston Horticultural Club Scholarship

Paul and Carolina Rhoades Award

Sigma Lambda Alpha Landscape Architectural Honor Society

Secretary of the Student Chapter of the Boston Society of Landscape Architects, 2008

American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award, 2008

Graduate of the Commonwealth College Honors Program, 2008

Academic Dean's List, 2004–2008

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Massachusetts Certified Horticulturist (MCH), 2007-Present
LEED Accredited Professional, 2009 to Present

DESIGN JURIES | LECTURES | WORKSHOPS | PANELS | TOURS

Design Critic, *UMass, Amherst*, Residential Garden Design Final Review, LA 503, Spring, 2022
Guest Editor of the BSLA Fieldbook – “*Home*” Issue, 2021-2022
Design Critic, *UMass, Amherst*, Residential Garden Design Final Review, 397B, Fall, 2021
Design Critic, *UMass, Amherst*, Residential Garden Design Final Review, 397A, Fall, 2019
Design Critic, *UMass, Amherst*, Residential Garden Design Final Review, 397B, Fall, 2018
Guest Speaker, Zube Lecture Series, *UMass, Amherst*, “*Alumni Panel*,” 2016
Panelist, *UMass Amherst*, Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board Assessment, 2009

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2020** *Boston Society of Landscape Architects*, Residential Merit Award
“A New Suburban Ecology,” *The Waban Hillside*, in Newton, Massachusetts
International Gold Award from *Association of Professional Landscape Designers*
Croton Street Garden, Wellesley, Massachusetts
- 2018** International Gold Award from *Association of Professional Landscape Designers*
A Writer’s Retreat, East Chatham, New York
International Gold Award from *Association of Professional Landscape Designers*
Camp Brown, Westport, Massachusetts
- 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
- 2016** International Gold Award from *Association of Professional Landscape Designers*
Beacon Hill Courtyard, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2015** “2014 Residential Tennis Facility-of-the-Year” awarded by *American Sports Builders Association (ASBA)*
Valentine Park, West Newton, Massachusetts

PRESS, PUBLICATIONS, AND INTERVIEWS

“*A Mid-Century Ranch House Is Updated Inside and Out*,” by Paula M. Bodah; *New England Home*
February, 2022