



#### **EDUCATION**

The Ohio State University, BS  
Landscape Architecture, 1989 – 1994

#### **REGISTRATIONS/ CERTIFICATIONS**

Kentucky Board of Landscape Architects  
ID 604

Woman-Certified Business, WBENC,  
since 2014

A professional landscape architect and urban planner, Kristin has worked in both the private and public sectors throughout her career with an all-encompassing understanding of the complex process of bringing design and planning projects to fruition. Her project management experience includes urban planning, historic preservation, commercial development, public realm improvements, residential design, and public meeting facilitation. Having worked on the Landmarks Urban Design Staff for Louisville Metro, she has a command of local regulations and ordinances as they pertain to preservation, landscape design, and site planning. Kristin enjoys the process of collaborating on projects in small and large group settings and the experience of consensus building to yield highly successful outcomes that meet all core objectives.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

##### **The Hermitage Farm**

Goshen, Kentucky

*Set within a 750 acre thoroughbred horse farm, a quintessential Kentucky landscape, Hermitage Farm will become a world-class Agro tourism destination. The themes of this destination focus on bourbon, thoroughbred horses, and agriculture. A stable is converted into a restaurant along with bourbon tastings, and a polo barn is converted into a visitor center. Site improvements include a new parking facility, formal vegetable and flower gardens, greenhouses, an orchard, and a boardwalk trail along a creek with art experience of projected light. Contextually sensitive design, sustainability and materiality were taken into account throughout the design process in order to preserve the special qualities of this beautiful farm setting.*

##### **Center for Women and Children**

Louisville, Kentucky

*The Center for Women & Families sought to transform their courtyard into a restorative and playful space for the residents of their shelter. Through our understanding of the project context, BDC developed three goals: create a welcoming and rejuvenating space that safely accommodates active play, social interaction and healing for women and children; use plant varieties that can withstand active play while featuring edible and native varieties that require clients' care; and provide color and excitement by using sculptural elements to activate the garden and create a bright, tranquil and memorable space. Though the courtyard space is relatively small, areas were designed for mothers to congregate, children to play and people to gather. A ribbon like tricycle path winds its way through the courtyard, providing an active play element. Tending flowers and harvesting edible plants are a focus which brings healing to those who care for them.*

##### **St. Gabriel Play Park**

Louisville, Kentucky

*St. Gabriel endeavored to create a half acre natural play park for their school, parish, and the Fern Creek community by acquiring land adjacent to their existing campus. Through a highly collaborative process, BDC developed programming, prepared a master plan, supported a fundraising initiative, and brought the natural play park design to fruition. The project is currently under construction and is slated for completion in May of 2018. Organized around a primary path system, the natural playground has a series of themed play areas accommodating children from pre-kindergarten through middle school. Interactive water play, a music garden, sand play, a gaga pit, and other play elements are incorporated into the overall design with a natural look and feel.*

## **KRISTIN BOOKER | PROJECT EXPERIENCE**

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### **Highland Presbyterian Play Park**

Louisville, Kentucky

*The Highland Presbyterian Church Nursery and Weekday School has embarked on an initiative to renovate the Play Park, providing a natural setting where children can engage in cooperative and self-directed play. BDC worked with the client to refine the park program and developed two conceptual plans, producing a master plan for the preferred design. It features a curving tricycle path, water play, sand, loose parts, boulders, and a wood platform, providing ample opportunities for children to develop strong, agile and coordinated bodies through climbing, digging, jumping, running, and balancing. Dramatic play, artistic expression and tinkering are encouraged and nurtured in the play yard. The project was completed in 2016.*

### **Anchorage Public Schools**

Anchorage, Kentucky

*The design for Anchorage Independent Public School's outdoor classroom provides an innovative place for students to explore their curiosities. The outdoor classroom pulls design cues from nature and incorporates them into the finer details of the space, such as the stamped concrete patterns imprinted with local flora and fauna. The three themed breakout pods are adaptable for students of any age and learning ability and include spaces for data collection and interaction with plants and wildlife. The design also highlights the school's devotion to teaching sustainability practices by incorporating interactive rain barrels, a food waste composting area, a weather monitoring station, a human-size sun dial, and native grass and perennial plantings.*

### **JD Nichols Plaza**

Louisville, Kentucky

*Alleyway Plaza is a linear space oriented east to west, mid block between East Market and East Jefferson Streets in downtown Louisville. The space is 1.1 acres and it provides a means of cross-campus pedestrian circulation, a place for informal gathering, and a vibrant urban space for public events. Intersecting waves delineate walking paths, seat walls, planters, tree alignment, and lighting placement. The long, narrow space and flowing lines suggest movement, replacing Nanny Goat Strut Alley with a green pedestrian alley. The Plaza also features a below grade infiltration reservoir that handles on-site storm-water runoff.*