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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Urban and Regional Planning,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
August 1993 - December 1997

Master of Landscape Architecture,
University of Guelph (Canada)
September 1989 - May 1992

Bachelor of Applied Science,
University of Guelph (Canada)
September 1985 - May 1989

Academic Appointments

Chair of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Michigan, July 2021 to present

Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning
Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture
University of Michigan, June 2010 to present

Assistant Professor, Urban and Regional Planning Program, University of Michigan,
September 2005 to May 2010

Assistant Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan, September
2002 to August 2005

Assistant Professor, School of Planning and Landscape Architecture, Arizona State University
August 2000 to August 2002

Professional Registrations

Registered Landscape Architect, State of Indiana – # LA 20500166
American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
Certified Environmental Planner (Through AICP)

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Stone, Brian; Gronlund, Carina; Mallen, Evan; Hondula, David; O'Neill, Marie; Rajput, Mayuri; Grijalva, Santiago; Lanza, Kevin; Harlan, Sharon; Larsen, Larissa; Augenbroe, Godfried; Krayenhoff, Eric; Broadbent, Ashley; Georgescu, Matei (In Review after Revise and Resubmit)
"How Blackouts during Heat Waves Amplify Mortality and Morbidity Risk" in Environmental Science & Technology.

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- Larsen, Larissa, Yeshitela, Kumelachew, Mulatu, Tilahun, Siefu, Sisay, and Desta, Hayal. (2019) The Impact of Rapid Urbanization and Public Housing Development on Urban Form and Density in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. **Land**, doi:10.3390/land8040066
- McFarland, Andrea, Larsen, Larissa, Kumelachew Yeshitela, Agizew Nigussie Engidad and Nancy G. Love. (2019) Guide for using green infrastructure in urban environments for stormwater management. **Environmental Science: Water Research and Technology**, DOI: 10.1039/c8ew00498f
- Coseo, Paul, and Larsen, Larissa (2019) Accurate Characterization of Land Covers in Urban Environments Determining the importance of including obscured impervious surface in urban heat island models. **Atmosphere** 10, 347; doi:10.3390/atmos10060347
- Adugan, Dagnachew, Lemma, Brook, Gebrie, Geremew Sahilu, Larsen, Larissa, Yeshitela, Kumelachew, and Jensen, Marina Bergen. (2018) Stormwater impact on water quality of rivers subjected to point sources and urbanization-the case of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. **Water and Environment Journal**. 1-13.
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Book Chapters

Hill, Kristina and Larsen, Larissa (2013). Adaptive Urbanism, in Duany, Andres and Talen, Emily (eds.) **Landscape Urbanism and Its Discontents: Dissimulating the Sustainable City**. New Society Press: Gabriola Island, British Columbia (215-230).

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Book Reviews

Larissa Larsen (2023) Reimagining Sustainable Cities: Strategies for Designing Greener, Healthier, More Equitable Communities, *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 89:1, 148-149, DOI: 10.1080/01944363.2022.2109926 To link to this article: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01944363.2022.2109926>

Larissa Larsen (2021) Design With Nature Now, *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 87:2, 305-306, DOI: 10.1080/01944363.2021.1885275

Recent External Funding

PAF ID: [23-PAF00562](#)

Funding Source: National Science Foundation

PAF Title: DDRIG in DRMS: An assessment of local government dam management action and inaction for risk reduction

PI: Larissa Larsen

Other U-M Investigators: Mirit Friedman

Amount Received: \$32,034

Project Start and End Dates: January 2023-January 2024

ORSP #: 23259000

Funding Source: National Science Foundation- International Research Experiences for Students (IRES)

Principal Investigator with Nancy Love, Branko Kerkez, and Valeria Bertacco, UM Engineering

Project Title: Advancing Cyber-Enabled, Decentralized Water Systems in Rapidly Developing Cities

University of Michigan and Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Amount Received: \$249,989

Project Start and End Dates: June/July 2017 – June 2021

Percent of time devoted to project: 5%

ORSP # 1520803--Subaward RG098-G2,

Funding Source: National Science Foundation, Hazards SEES

Stone, Brian (PI), Larsen (Co-I) 08/15/15-07/31/19

Project Title: Enhancing emergency preparedness for critical infrastructure failure during extreme heat events

Amount Received \$2,400,000 (Larsen's share \$107,000)

The goal of this project is to estimate mortality and morbidity associated with simulated grid failure events during heat wave conditions in the cities of Atlanta, Detroit, and Phoenix, in response to current and future climate conditions, and to assess the effectiveness of specific environmental, technological, and behavioral adaptations in mitigating a growing heat hazard

ORSP # 13-PAF04719 (895700)

Funding Source: Health and Human Services, Department of National Institutes of Health

Project Title: Community Action to Promote Healthy Environments: Addressing Community

Exposures to Air Pollutants

Amount Received: \$2,822,814.00

Project Start and End Dates 12/16/2013 – 10/31/2018

Percent of time devoted to project 5%

Status: Funded

Amy Schulz and Stuart Batterman (PIs), Barbara Israel and Larissa Larsen (Co PIs)

ORSP # 11-PAF01217

Funding Source: National Institute of Health: Climate Change and Human Health PAR-10-235

Project Title: Climate Change and Health: Residential Energy Efficiency for Comfort and Equity

Amount Received: \$410,000

Project Start and End Dates: 5.17.12 to 12.30.2105.

Principal Investigators: Marie O'Neill (Public Health) and Larissa Larsen

Collaborators: Richard Rood (Atmospheric Science) and Veronica Berrocal (Biostatistics)

Recent Internal Funding Sources

University Unit Providing the Support: Dow Distinguished Award Seed Grant, Graham Institute for Environmental Sustainability

Project Title: Estimating Impacts of Proposed Development on Urban Water Infrastructure in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Amount Received: \$5,000

Project Start /End Dates: May 2019 – January 2020

Percent of time devoted to project: 0 %

Status: Current

Principle Investigator/Student Advisor

Research Through Planning, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan

Project Title: Prioritization of Stormwater Interventions by Subwatershed in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Amount Received: \$4,992

Project Start and End Dates: April 2017 – March 2018

Principal Investigator: Larissa Larsen

African Studies Center, University of Michigan

Project Title: Mapping Land Cover in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Amount Received: \$6,000

Project Start and End Dates: May 2016-December 2016

Percent of time devoted to project: 50% Summer

Status: Current

Principal Investigator overseeing a collaborative project involving students and planning faculty from the University of Michigan, Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction, and City Planning (EiABC), Addis Ababa University, as well as representatives from Addis Ababa city government.

Research Through Planning, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan

Project: Land Use Mapping in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Amount Received: \$4,800
Project Start and End Dates: April 2016 – March 2017
Principal Investigator: Larissa Larsen

Ethiopia-Michigan Platform for Advancing Collaborative Engagement (EM-PACE)
Provost's Office
Project Title: Context Appropriate Stormwater Solutions
Amount Received: \$9,500
Project Start and End Dates: 2014-2015
Principal Investigator: Larissa Larsen

Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute & Kresge Foundation
Project Title: Great Lake Cities Climate Adaptation Planning
Amount Received: \$1,200,000 (over 3 years)
Project Start and End Dates: 2011 to 2014
Principal Investigator along with Arun Agarwal (SNRE), Elisabeth Gerber (Public Policy), Maria Carmen Lemos (SNRE), Marie O'Neill (Public Health), & Ricky Rood (OASS).

Professional Design Work Design Competition Awards

Work Play Design Competition 2008 for Redesigning the North Campus Public Space–
1st Prize (tied) – “C”ing Energy (design highlighting renewable energy sources with interactive elements and native landscaping)
Team Members: Joe Trumpey (faculty, Art and Design), Scott Curry (graduate student, MUP), Mark Hunter (faculty, School of Natural Resources and Environment), Larissa Larsen (faculty, URP), Andrew Sell (undergraduate student, Art and Design), and Jeremy Semrau (faculty, Engineering)
Selected from 31 entries in a juried competition

National SIPA 1995 Professional Design Competition - December 1995
First Place
Building Design Category: The ‘Green’ Neighborhood - Military Family Neighborhood Development (150 dwelling units), Fort Hood, Texas
Team Members: J. Adams, A. Chalifoux, B. Deal, & L. Larsen
The competition, sponsored by the **US Department of Energy**, honors the best in energy-efficient and affordable buildings.

Society for Human Ecology Distinguished Leadership Award - October 1997
Awarded for my efforts to promote the Society by initiating and organizing an international student paper competition.

Awards for Teaching

2017-2018 Teaching Award for the Urban and Regional Planning Program (elected by students)

2013-2015 Distinguished University of Michigan Faculty Fellow of Sustainability, The Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute.

2010 -2011 Teaching Award for the Urban and Regional Planning Program (elected by students)

2009-2010 Teaching Award for the Urban and Regional Planning Program (elected by students)

2008-2009 Teaching Award for the Urban and Regional Planning Program (elected by students)

2007-2008 Teaching Award for the Urban and Regional Planning Program (elected by students)

2005-2006 Teaching Award for the School of Natural Resources and Environment (elected by students)

Excellent Teaching Designation – Spring 1996

Results of student ratings in a campus-wide evaluation

Teaching Assistantship for Landscape Architecture Design Studio

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign