



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Jescelle Major</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Design Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Get Engaged Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Specify appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Office:</b> <i>9/1/16 to 8/31/17</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Alki</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98116</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> <i>N/A</i>
<b>Legislated Authority:</b> <i>SMC 3.58.010, 3.58.030, 3.58.040</i>		
<b>Background:</b> Jescelle is a landscape architect, with a focus on sustainability & preservation, with Mithun. In her interview, she spoke to the importance of design in which people feel represented. While working on an affordable housing project on a historically African-American site, she urged the design team to go beyond superficial nods to the site's history and truly incorporate inclusive, timeless, and sensitive design—she feels that acknowledging & incorporating the intersections of natural systems, and social & economic contexts are critical to good design.		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> <i>7/29/16</i>	<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Edward B. Murray</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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# JESCELLE MAJOR

environmentalist | designer | preservationist

references available upon request

There is work that needs to be done.  
There is work that I need to do.  
My aim is to steer the current trends towards  
a more progressive, thorough + fresh  
way of approaching design.

## Louisiana State University

Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture  
Present- Fall 2012  
MLA 2015

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### Graduate Program Assistant

Awarded Graduate Assistant Position  
Fall 2014 -Spring 2015

Student faculty liaison. Responsible for coordinating open houses and briefing materials. Leading the student journal design and assembly. Taught into undergraduate design representation course

Baton Rouge, LA

### CADGIS Research Laboratory

Awarded Graduate Assistant Position Fall 2012-  
Spring 2014

Printing, Scanning + Computer lab for LSU students especially design programs. Team leadership role.

Baton Rouge, LA

### Parks & Recreation Department

+ Greenspace Management  
Landscape Projects Intern Summer 2011

Investigated new recycling options and receptacles for the city to adopt. Proposed ideas for a rain garden. Worked on playground installs. Learned about new in-street tree irrigation systems. Worked on entrance planting scheme for renovations to an outdoor entertainment venue renovation. Helped plan logistics for tree removal and relocations. Went on site visits with playground safety inspector.

Miami Beach, Florida

### Preservation Institute: Nantucket

Summer 2011

+ Historic Preservation Field School  
Research participant with the Cultural Landscapes Track.

Traced the history and researched current uses surrounding the Boston-Higginbotham house and the historically black neighborhood of Allentown. Individual and team research including site documentation, materials sampling, surveying and phenomenology studies of the island of Nantucket. Special studies research on the traditional trades and their integration into maintaining historical building fabric for the Nantucket Preservation Trust. Created new informational handouts for owners of historic homes. Went on important site visits to New Bedford and Newport.

### Digital:

- + Proficient Microsoft Office
- + Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign
- + Intermediate ArcGIS
- + Intermediate Revit
- + Basic Adobe After Effects
- + Basic Rhino and CAD operations
- + Basic 3D Studio Max and Grasshopper

## The University of Florida

College of Design Construction + Planning  
2011-2008  
B.S. Sustainability + The Built Environment  
Urban Planning Concentration

Gainesville, Florida

### Public Works Department

+ Environmental Division  
Resource Management Intern Spring 2012

Researched precedents for the banning of plastic and Styrofoam on regional scales. Researched effects of handbills and litter on coastal environments. Represented the department at the MiaGreen Conference. Participated in a beach cleanup and restoration project with the city and the Surfrider Foundation. Provided photo documentation of invasive species removal and re-growth in local beach dunes. Began documentation for the newsletters and recorded meetings with environmental committees to update the website.

Miami Beach, Florida

### Scott Rakow Youth Center

Recreation Leader 1 2011-2012  
Summer 2013

Performed administrative duties. Assisted in planning and execution of recreation activities and events for youth groups.

Miami Beach, Florida

### The Witters Endowment Competition

Spring 2011

+ Multi-disciplinary Design Charette

Topic: Environmental Park with a goal of recycling 75% of municipal waste. Brief asked for innovative team responses including design, implementation and maintenance ideas.

### Urban Land Institute

+ Gerald D. Hines Student Urban Design Competition  
January 2014  
Team of LSU and Tulane Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Real Estate Development students

- + ULI, Northwest Chapter
- + Arcade Magazine Volunteer and Contributor
- + ASLA
- + Appointed member of RRSLA Director Search Committee
- + College of Art and Design Student Representative
- + Lake Washington Rowing Club
- + Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk Planning Volunteer

EXPERIENCE

### Mithun

Landscape Designer  
Spring 2015- Present

Interdisciplinary Design Firm. Critical roles in research, production and design. Sought out for critique/discussion, drawings (both conceptual and construction) and presentation building. Currently working on planning, campus and stormwater projects. Experienced across various scales and typologies.

Seattle, WA

### Denver Zoological Foundation

Planning Department  
Landscape Design Intern  
Summer 2014

Completed and updated visualizations for the Denver Zoo master plan. Edited and created copy, captions as well as concept/analysis diagrams. Created new layout for the presentation document for the master plan committee, board and public. Conducted exhibit occupancy and circulation studies. Began conceptual designs for updates to perimeter fencing, an exterior building facade and restoration of a porous landscape detention installation bordering the zoo and a national rookery. Aided in the completion of construction drawings for building permit applications.

Denver, CO

### Senior Capstone Project

Fall 2011

+ Lost Spaces, Missed Opportunities & Low-Income Neighborhoods  
The intersections between poverty, resources and sustainability

Neighborhoods of contrasting levels of wealth were compared from three defined categories including urban, transitional and suburban. Measure was adapted and applied from inventory typologies presented by LEED for neighborhood design. Adapted guidelines included space, design, connectivity, and transportation. Conclusions and Recommendations were drawn from observations, collected data, artistic interpretations inspired by the artist Tyree Guyton and interviews of local professionals and practitioners.

### Tools:

- + Woodshop (power and hand tools)
- + Large Format Plotters
- + Laser Cutter

### Analog:

- + Drawing/Painting
- + Model Making
- + Writing + Presenting
- + Critical Analysis

RESEARCH

SKILLS

MEMBERSHIPS

# Seattle Design Commission

July 2016

Ten members:

Appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by the City Council who serve a term of two years (*may be reappointed once*)

- 2 Licensed Architects
- 1 Fine Artist
- 1 Member at Large

And at least one and no more than two from the following categories:

- Professional Urban Planner
- Professional Environmental or Urban Designer
- Landscape Architect
- Licensed Engineer, plus
- 1 Get Engaged participant (City/YMCA program)

All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. (Chair is also appointed by Mayor for a *one-year* term, confirmed by City Council.)

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	F	1	Brodie Bain	3/1/15	3/1/17	2	Urban Planner	Mayor
2	F	2	Jescelle Major	9/1/16	8/31/17	1	Get Engaged	Mayor
6	M	3	Thaddeus Egging	3/1/16	3/1/18	2	Engineer (Civil/Surface Water)	Mayor
6	M	4	Shannon Loew	3/1/15	3/1/17 (Chair, 3/1/17)	2	At Large - Developer (Chair)	Mayor
6	M	5	Lee Copeland	3/1/16	3/1/18	2	Architect	Mayor
6	M	6	Rachel Gleeson	5/7/15	3/1/17	1	Landscape Architect	Mayor
6	M	7	John Savo	3/1/15	3/1/17	1	Architect	Mayor
6	M	8	Ben de Rubertis	3/1/16	3/1/18	1	Urban Designer	Mayor
6	M	9	Ross Tilghman	3/1/13	3/1/17	1	Planner (Civil/Transportation)	Mayor
5	F	10	Laura Haddad	3/1/16	3/1/18	1	Fine Artist	Mayor

**\*Diversity**

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)			
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic Latino/a	Native-American	Other**	Caucasian
Mayor	7	3			1	1			1	9
Council										
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>								<b>10</b>

\*\*Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability