

# Melissa Anna Murphy

## Curriculum Vitae

Objective: *to encourage human relationships in urban environments.*

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## Work Experience:

- 2012 - current **Norwegian University of Life Sciences - Ås, Norway**  
*PhD Fellow* - Researching under the department of spatial planning:  
**'Resident engagement and spatial management in the urban environment'**
- 2012 - current *Project Leader* - Course developer, coordinator and lecturer for:  
**Experience-based Masters Program in Innovative Urban and Local Development**
- 2012 - current **A.R.C.H.I Lab - International**  
*Founding Partner* - Action Research for Critical Habitat Innovation Laboratory



Citizenship - USA

Domicile - Norway

- Nov '05 - Aug '09 **di Domenico & Partners - New York, NY, USA**  
*Architecture/Landscape Associate* - Designed, managed, and executed:  
**Arthur Kill Road Station Parking:** Low impact parking lot design with natural drainage research and implementation for the Staten Island Railroad, Tottenville, New York  
**Gun Hill Road Inter-modal Plaza:** NYC Transit landscape, building rehabilitation, and urban infrastructure planning in The Bronx, New York  
**Co-op City Greenways:** 28-acre urban landscape restoration and open space programming for a large scale residential area in The Bronx, New York  
**Grand Avenue Bus Depot:** Construction administration on large scale, high budget design build project for New York City Transit
- Sep '04 - May '05 **Wiederspahn Architecture - Somerville, MA, USA**  
*Project Manager* - Assisted research, illustrated, programmed and organized:  
**SmartGrowth Research:** Analytical illustration of proposed legislation through master planning and housing prototypes design for the state of Massachusetts

## Languages:

English -  
*mother tongue*

Norwegian (bokmål) -  
*fluent*

German -  
*basic speech,  
intermediate reading*

Spanish -  
*basic speech,  
intermediate reading*

## Education:

- Aug '09 - May '11 **Norwegian University of Science and Technology - Norway**  
*Master of Science in Urban Ecological Planning*  
**Courses included:** Planning Theory, Landscape Planning, Sustainable Development, GIS.  
**Master's thesis:** Boundaries to Socially and Environmentally Equitable Communal Spaces
- Aug '99 - May '05 **Northeastern University - Boston, MA, USA**  
*Master of Architecture*  
**Master's Thesis Project:** Modern Interpretation of the Promenade - the social implications of passive, public landscape in the urban context  
**Honors:** Graduating Class Design Award, Magna Cum Laude, QPA: 3.8 of 4.0

## ARE - Architect Registration Exams Passed (USA):

Programming,  
Planning & Practice

Site Planning &  
Design

Structural Systems

Building Systems

Construction  
Documents &  
Services

## Sustainable Urbanism:

- 2008-2009 **PlaNYC: Visioning 23rd Street Workshop - New York**  
*Transportation and streetscape planning study participant and illustrator*
- 2007-2009 **New York Restoration Project: Million Trees NYC - New York**  
*Professional partnership for projects in Co-op City, The Bronx  
Led office neighborhood study of Long Island City, Queens*
- 2007-2009 **'Green Team' at di Domenico & Partners - New York**  
*Co-creator and leader of office group promoting sustainable practices*