

Justin Azevedo, PLA, ASLA

TITLE Principal | Founder - The Design Laboratory
Faculty Associate of Landscape Architecture
Arizona State University
Adjunct Faculty of Architecture
The School of Architecture

BIO Justin Azevedo's experience in urban planning, site design, and geospatial planning includes award winning and forward-thinking projects that help build a sense of community and place. His past and current projects include a wide range of pedestrian focused design that focus on shade, wayfinding, and placemaking. With a background in both landscape architecture and construction he brings a grounded approach to creating implementable designs while searching for innovative methods and techniques to bridge the communication between planning and design in the field. His work experience includes regional planning, local planning, park design, multi-family housing, restaurants, urban design, urban planning, trails, active transportation, and custom residential. Justin is an avid member of the landscape architecture & sustainability community and beyond, volunteering and holding positions and volunteering in committees across the state. One of his true passions is teaching and he is currently working as a faculty associate at Arizona State University & The School of Architecture [TSOA] where he has taught design, urban planning, and active transportation for the last 4 years as well as the Smartscape Program, and various conferences.

Justin's pedagogy is directly related to his hands-on and in-field experience, firmly emulating the concept of designing for people and place. Understanding that design is an inherently human concept that should be grounded in the forms and strategies of the surrounding natural environment while being aware of the need to evaluate, expand, and stretch those limits to create anew.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal | Founder
The Design Laboratory, Tempe, AZ: 10/20 - Present

Adjunct Faculty
The School of Architecture -TSOA: 08/22 - Present

Director of Landscape Architecture & Planning
Coffman Studio, PLLC, Tempe, AZ: 05/17 - 12/20

Landscape Designer & Planner
Coffman Studio, PLLC, Tempe, AZ: 05/13 - 2/17

Faculty Associate
Arizona State University, The Design School: 08/18 - Present

Construction Assistant Project Manager
Azevedo Construction, West Sacramento, CA: 05/07 - 02/14

LICENSING & EDUCATION

Landscape Architect Licensure
AZ #66335

Bachelor of Science in Landscape
Architecture
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 2014

Master of Science in Biomimicry
Arizona State University
(Expected Graduation 12/2024)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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AFFILIATIONS & INVOLVEMENT

- ASLA Arizona Chapter President, incoming 2023, current 2024
- Planning & Zoning Commission, Globe, AZ Commissioner: 2021 - Present
- ASLA Arizona Chapter Central Section Chair, 2020 - 2022
- ASLA Arizona Chapter Education Chair, 2018 - Present
- Southwestern Horticulture Annual Day of Education (SHADE) Committee Member & design track programmer and moderator: 2014 - Present
- Arizona State Committee On Trails (ASCOT) Committee Member: 2020 - Present
- ASLA Arizona Chapter Communications Chair, 2014 -2018
- Citizens for a Vibrant Apache Corridor (CVAC) in Tempe, AZ Committee Member: 2021 - 2023
- Phoenix Urban Forestry Round Table Committee Member 2022 - present
- Phoenix Urban Forestry Subcommittee on Business 2023 - present
- Trees Matters Technical Advisory Committee 2021-present

AWARDS

- AzASLA Arizona Chapter Honor Award - Gilbert Shade & Streetscape Master Plan: 2023
- Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence Finalist - Low Impact Development Concepts for the Granite Reef Watershed: 2022
- Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence Finalist - Goodyear Bicycle and Pedestrian Shade Study: 2022
- Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence Finalist - Tempe Highline Canal: 2022
- AzASLA Arizona Chapter Honor Award - Low Impact Development Concepts for the Granite Reef Watershed: 2020
- AzASLA Arizona Chapter Honor Award - Goodyear Bicycle and Pedestrian Shade Study: 2020
- AzASLA Arizona Chapter Honor Award - Skyline Regional Park Trails Master Plan, City of Buckeye: 2017
- AzASLA Award of Excellence, Colony House, in Residential Design: 2014
- San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, Bronze Medal: 2014
- San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, Gold Medal, Best in Show, and the Golden Gate Cup Award: 2013

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Guest Lecture, University of Arizona, Crafting Your Portfolio Lecture & Workshop 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Podcast Guest, Professional Podcast Network 2023
- Speaker, SHADE Conference, 'Whats Winning' Panel presentation 2023
- Speaker, SHADE Conference, The Sustainable Urban Forest for the southwest region 2022
- Speaker, SHADE Conference, Residential Design Clients and Life Long Relationships: 2021
- Podcast, Guest, Whats Next -The Man Building Community around Sustainable Living, 2020
- AZ Streets & Roads Conference, Speaker, Shading the ROW Creating Equity through Active Transportation, 2020
- American Trails Webinar: Planning Your Wayfinding System: 2020
- Speaker, SHADE Conference, Shade in the Southwest: 2020
- American Trails Webinar: Equestrian Trail Design and Best Practices: From Backcountry to Urban Edge Settings - April 2020
- American Trails Webinar: Equestrian Trail Design for Urban Multi-Use Trails - Aug 2019
- Speaker, SHADE Conference, Buckeye Skyline: 2018
- Speaker, SHADE Conference, Dentro para Fuera: 2014

PUBLISHED WORK

- Conference Paper, Visual Stewardship Conference, Visual Resource Analysis and Management Pedagogy Evaluation: 2019
- Journal Article, Arizona Nursery Association Journal, Equity & Shade in the Southwest, 2020

NOTABLE PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- Goodyear Bicycle & Pedestrian Shade Study
- Arizona State University Polytechnique Community Garden
- Sante Fe VA Healing Gardens
- Gilbert Shade & Streetscape Master Plan
- Indian Bend Wash Master Plan, City of Scottsdale
- Grand Ave Pedestrian Bridge Study, City of Peoria
- Tempe Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Peoria Wayfinding & Signage Master Plan
- Apache Junction Active Transportation Plan
- Maricopa Safe Routes to School Plans
- Queen Creek Heritage District Guidelines
- Low Impact Development Concepts for the Granite Reef Watershed, City of Scottsdale
- ASU Polytechnic Campus Community Garden, Arizona State University
- Forest Mall Concepts, Arizona State University
- HIDA Landscape, Arizona State University
- Sahuaro Ranch Historic Preservation Report, City of Glendale
- State Capitol Pocket Parks, Arizona State Capitol Mall
- State Capitol Lawn, Wesley Bolin Plaza, Arizona State Capitol Mall
- Scout Park Master Plan, City of Litchfield Park
- Camelback Streetscape, City of Litchfield Park
- Skyline Park Trails Master Plan, City of Buckeye
- Paradise Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Town of Paradise Valley
- Page Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan, City of Page
- 55th Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project, City of Glendale, AZ/MAG
- Tempe Highline Master Plan, City of Tempe, AZ/MAG
- Gilbert Heritage District Shared Use Pathway, Town of Gilbert, AZ/MAG
- MAG Bike Count, Maricopa Association of Governments, AZ/MAG

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

VISITING

- **Smartscape**, A Training Program for Landscape Professionals, Guest Speaker on Landscape Design & Landscape Architecture, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
- **Public Involvement Work Shop**, University of Arkansas, 2020
- **Design Primer**, ASU, visiting professional: 2014, 2015, 2018
- **ALA 100 - Guest lecture** - What is Landscape Architecture - 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- **LDE 361 Site Design project description assistance**: Spring 2016
- **Portfolio Lecture** - Arizona State University- ASLA 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- **Portfolio Workshop** - Arizona State University - ASLA 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- **Visiting Professional Desk Critiques** - various semesters and classes: 2014 - Present, Arizona State University & University of Arkansas

TEACHING

- **LDE 361 Site Design - Upper Division Studio**: Fall 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- **LDE 362 Site Planning: Studio** - Spring 2017, 2019, 2020
- **LDE 590 Special Topics: Site Design** - Studio - Fall 2018, 2019, 2020
- **LDE 591 Special Topics: Site Planning** - Fall 2018, 2019
- **EDS 402 Environmental Design Synthesis II** - Spring 2021
- **LAP 494 AutoCAD for Landscape Architecture & Planning** - Spring 2020, 2022, 2023
- **LAP 594 Special Topic: AutoCAD for Landscape Architecture & Planning** - Spring 2020, 2022, 2023
- **ARCH 541 Site Design** - 2022, 2023
- **ARCH 723 Urbanism** - 2023
- **ARCH 742 Sustainability 2** - 2024

THESIS COMMITTEES

- Walking Through Phoenix: How Compact Cities Can Inform Walkable Design in the Desert, 2020

JURY MEMBER - mid-term

- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 262, Fall 2013, 2022, 2023
- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 361, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016
- Mid-term review, jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 362, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017
- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 461, Fall 2017, 2022
- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 462, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019
- Jury member, University of Arkansas, Site Design, Fall 2017, Spring 2018
- Jury member, University of Arkansas, Site Planning, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

JURY MEMBER - final reviews

- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 361, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, 2022, 2023
- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 362, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, 2023
- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 461, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, 2023
- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 590, 2021, 2022
- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 462, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, 2023
- Jury member, University of Arkansas, Site Planning, Spring 2019
- Jury member, Arizona State University, LDE 622, Spring 2015
- Jury member, The School Of Architecture (TSOA), ARCH 723, 2023
- Jury member, The School Of Architecture (TSOA), ARCH 621, 2022
- Jury member, The School Of Architecture (TSOA), ARCH 622, 2022

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