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## VICTORIAN VILLAGE COMMISSION LETTER OF INTEREST

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Victorian Village Commission. I currently practice landscape architecture at MKSK where and have contributed towards improving public space and culture since 2008. I have experience with improvement projects in the central city of Columbus including the Short North, Arena District, and Grandview Yard and have witnessed the positive influence that these new developments have had on downtown Columbus.

From time to time I also teach in the Landscape Architecture department at Ohio State and take pride in conveying the value of public space to upcoming generations. I have lead students in developing ideas for improving some of Columbus's historically significant neighborhoods such as Franklinton and Weinland Park.

I have lived in Victorian Village off and on since 2008 -- with a stint in Boston, MA with a burgeoning landscape architecture firm and two years in Cambridge, MA where I earned my Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. I am fortunate to have continuously resided in walkable and amenity-filled communities such as Columbus, Boston, and Cambridge and am therefore highly dedicated to preserving the quality and character of the spaces around me. I am also cognizant of the challenges of maintaining a peaceful residential community within a visitor-oriented district and have had a range of experiences living on Park Street in Victorian Village and on Harvard Square in Cambridge.

Additionally, I have a strong interest in the preservation of 19th century neighborhoods. I grew up in Hudson, OH in a home that was built in 1844 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. This upbringing has most significantly made me a critic of quality and materials as well as the character of the residential streetscape. Most recently, I have become a trustee of an 1890s townhome in the Historic District of Savannah, GA. Savannah is a city that only exists from the dedication of preservationists who had a vision for restoring and maintaining the beautiful homes and public spaces while providing amenities and commercial destinations for visitors.

I hope that you find my qualifications and experiences will be valuable to your committee. Please let me know if you have additional questions for me and I look forward to speaking to you.

All the best,

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## EXPERIENCE

### MKSK - COLUMBUS

[www.mkskstudios.com](http://www.mkskstudios.com)

Project Designer: 2008-Present

Easton Gateway - Columbus, Ohio

Grandview Yard - Columbus, Ohio

University Circle West Gateway - Cleveland, Ohio

Nationwide Arena District - Columbus, Ohio

Downtown Louisville Connectivity Study - Louisville, Kentucky

### THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - COLUMBUS

AUSTIN E. KNOWLTON SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Lecturer: 2010-2013

Instructing courses on design and representation to undergraduate and graduate-level students

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY - CAMBRIDGE

CAREER DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Design Representation Instructor: Summer 2012

Teaching, guidance, and evaluation of students; designing curriculum, presenting lectures, leading discussions, and conducting review sessions

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY - CAMBRIDGE

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Graduate Teaching Assistant: 2011-2012

Assisting faculty with design studios and courses on representation and digital design; coordinating curriculum, instructing weekly workshops, and participating in design reviews

### STOSS LANDSCAPE URBANISM - BOSTON

[www.stoss.net](http://www.stoss.net)

Project Designer: 2007-2008

Fox Riverfront - Green Bay, Wisconsin

Mediterranean Improv - Bat Yam, Israel

Bass River Park - Town of Dennis, Massachusetts

### NBBJ - COLUMBUS

[www.nbbj.com](http://www.nbbj.com)

Project Designer: 2007

Kazanka Riverfront Master Plan - Kazan, Russia

Cleveland State University Euclid Ribbon - Cleveland, Ohio

### NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN CENTER - COLUMBUS

Intern: 2005-2007

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## EDUCATION

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE 2012

### THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

AUSTIN E. KNOWLTON SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE 2007

## FEATURED WORK

### GRAPHIC DESIGN FOR ARCHITECTS

Design work featured in a chapter on portfolio design by Karen Lewis (New York: Routledge, forthcoming)

### REPRESENTING LANDSCAPES

Design work featured in chapter titled Landscape as Digital Media edited by Nadia Amoroso (New York: Routledge 2012)

### GSD PLATFORM 4

Two design projects were nominated and featured in the publication edited by Eric Howeler (Barcelona, Spain: Actar 2011)

### ENVIRONMENT & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE OF KOREA

"Surface Deep" project is featured in a six page spread No. 283, November 2011

### DESIGNBOOM & ARCHDAILY

"Surface Deep" featured in July 2011 (online)

## ETC

### GIS FOR DESIGNERS

2013: A public workshop as part of the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative's Green Urbanism Series

### INFORMATION TERRITORIES WORKSHOP

2013: Workshop on mapping and visualization of urban networks and processes using geospatial and graphic design software

### REPRESENTING URBANISM LECTURE

2012: Guest lecturer, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

### INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL - GRAND-MÉTIS

2011: Digitally designed/fabricated installation at festival in Canada

### PENNY WHITE RESEARCH GRANT

2011: Harvard GSD - Travelled to Las Vegas to research land planning and urban infrastructure

### LEED ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL

2009: US Green Building Council

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**Black, Randy F.**

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**From:** Jeff Smith <jeff@jjsmithcpa.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 1:55 PM  
**To:** Black, Randy F.; Goodman, James A; Papsidero, Vincent A; James, Gretchen D.; Leddy, Adam J.; Marc Conte  
**Subject:** Short North Civic Association recommendation for the Victorian Village Commission  
**Attachments:** Kotheimer Commission Recommendation Letter.pdf; Kotheimer-Vic-Village.pdf; 14 0212 KOTHEIMER.pdf

Attached is a recommendation letter from the Short North Civic Association as well as Lisl Kotheimer's letter of interest and resume.

*Jeff*

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