

Library minute: Careers in Design

## **Architecture**

Lewis, Roger K. *Architect? A Candid Guide to the Profession*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2001.

A survey of the architecture profession, Lewis's book walks its readers through the decision to start on the path to become an architect. Lewis explains the different types of programs and their content and ideologies, discusses the job search and the working environment and explains the way projects work. His is a "candid" guide to the profession; as such, he spends a good deal of time deconstructing the myths that surround the profession. He does include a brief section about related fields for those who have a degree but who do not want to practice traditional architecture.

Harold Linton. *Portfolio Design*. New York: W. W. Norton and Company, 2000.

A guide to compiling a portfolio, including tons of illustrations and a chapter on digital portfolios.

### *AIA Philadelphia*

Features profiles of 300 Philadelphia architecture firms, as well as 225 American Institute of Architects Affiliate Companies.

Brochures and Periodicals:

Instructions for preparing an application for the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Posters from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards ([www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org)) –"Planning to be an Architect?"

*Design-Build*. A magazine targeting Design-Builders and Owners

*Graduate School of Design News*. Harvard, 1994.

*Design Dialogues*. The Foundation for Architects, 1999. A special issue about Philadelphia.

*Careers in Architecture: Choices, Pathways, Success*. The American Institute of Architects, 1995.

A brief pamphlet on the field. It includes information on the licensing process, as lists of professional organizations and a bibliography.

*Career Options: Opportunities through Architecture*. The American Institute of Architecture Students, 1993.

This booklet concerns non-traditional career options (fields such as education, writing, and art and design) for architects.

*Faces of Swedish Design.*

## **Archeology**

Brochures on Archeology and related topics:

1. The Applied Ethnography Program, National Park Service, Department of the Interior—notes from an outreach program
2. Experience Archeology AND the Path to Becoming an Archeologist, the Society for American Archeology
3. Archeology and You, National Geographic Society

Two directories:

1. 1998 Administrative and Member Directory, Society of American Archeology
2. 1995 Membership Directory, Archeologists of the Americas, Society of American Archeology

*Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin*, Archeological Institute of American, 1999.

*The Federal Archeology Program: Report to Congress, 1996-1997.*

## **Historical Preservation**

*Preservation: The Magazine of the National Trust for Historical Preservation*

On the shelf are recent issues of this fantastic magazine.

*Preservation Sourcebook*

Includes a portfolio of various firms' and employers' work, a lengthy list of firms, and a directory of producers of specialized material. An extremely practical resource for preservationists.

Brochures, Flyers, Newsprint:

*Books: Publications available from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2004*

1996 Directory of Non-Profit Statewide Preservation Organizations

Fact Sheet: American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works

*Details*

This is the bulletin of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History

*Careers in Museums, Heritage and Conservation* ([www.museumassociation.org](http://www.museumassociation.org))  
A British publication that examines museum careers one-by-one and includes case histories

“The Economic Benefits of Preserving Philadelphia’s Past.” A report from the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia.

#### Periodicals

From the National Trust for Historic Preservation ([www.nthp.org](http://www.nthp.org))  
*Forum Journal*  
*Forum News*

*Common Ground: Preserving our Nation’s Heritage* (Fall 2003). A sample copy of a magazine published by the National Park Service. It features photos from the Historic American Buildings Survey, and an article on architecture in North Philadelphia.

*Heritage Matters*. An issue of the newsletter published by the National Park Service

#### **Landscape Architecture**

Bruce G. Sharky, FASLA. *Ready, Set, Practice: Elements of Landscape Architecture Professional Practice*. New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1994.

Sharky’s book is an in-depth guide to some of the very practical issues that Landscape Architects face. He begins with an introduction to “Professional Practice,” takes readers through some of the issues they might face while looking for employment, and spends a good deal of time on subjects such as office records, the phases of projects, legal aspects of the practice and construction administration activities. He ends with appendices of sample business materials and a bibliography.

*Member Handbook, The American Society of Landscape Architects*.

This book, which is no longer published, includes a list of accredited programs in Landscape Architecture, and a list of the member of the ASLA.

*ASLA Graduating Student Survey, August 1999*

A survey of the career plans of students with accredited degrees in L.A.

*National Salary Survey of Landscape Architects 1998*. Published by the ASLA.

#### Pamphlets

1. “Guide to International Landscape Architecture Internships.” This is an interesting list of organizations (private and governmental) that have opportunities for landscape architects. However, the internet link from which it was printed no longer exists.

2. “Backgrounder: The Profession of Landscape Architecture.” An article from the American Society of Landscape Architects website dated Oct. 21, 2003. Includes a detailed list of sub-specialties and job functions within the profession.
3. “Accredited Programs in Landscape Architecture.” For the ASLA website.
4. “Landscape Architecture Book Catalog.” Published by the ASLA.
5. Various brochures concerning ASLA membership.
6. Brochure from Landmarks, a land planning and conservation firm based in East Hampton, NY.

## **Landscape Architecture/Planning**

Blythe Camenson. *Careers for Plant Lovers*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2004.

Camenson surveys a wide range of fields that involve, well, plants. She touches on careers as florists, (organic) farmers, growers, garden writers, scientist, on institutions such as botanical gardens, and on fields such as horticultural therapy. In the chapter, “The Lay of the Land: Design, Maintenance, Conservation,” she talks about Landscape Architecture, Land Planning and Forestry. A good resource for students interested in exploring these fields.

## **Planning**

Sarah Bowen and Christina Delius, eds. *International Careers in Urban Planning*. New York: American Planning Association, 2001.

This book functions on the principle of “learn by example.” It is divided into five sections: an introduction; “Education: Building a Strong Base;” “Careers: Views from the Field;” advice and summary (which includes appendices of international planning resources). The editors have compiled profiles of 27 individuals working in the field of international planning, asking them questions such as “could you describe a typical day in your job” and “what skills have helped you the most.” An excellent resource for anyone interested in reading about what the field of planning looks like around the world.

Warren W. Jones and Natalie Macris. *A Career Worth Planning: Starting Out and Moving Ahead in the Planning Profession*. Chicago: American Planning Association, 2000.

Like Lewis’s book on architecture, this is a step-by-step guide to becoming a city planner.

Christine Piotrowskik, *Becoming an Interior Designer*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons, 2004.

An in-depth guide to becoming an interior designer that features both articles and interviews. An interior designer is not to be confused with an interior decorator, as designers are responsible for planning structure elements of interiors, as well as the aesthetic ones.

Victoria Kloss Ball, *Interior Design and Decorating Careers*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2002.

Similar to the Piotrowski book, it includes a section on related fields.

*Urban and Regional Planning.* A brochure from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning that includes a descriptions of the various careers in planning, as well as profiles of city planners.

Brochure: The American Planning Association

Brochure: National Planning Association