

RACHEL A. EDMONDS

Berkeley, CA 94703 ▪ Cell: 510.847.3487 ▪ E-mail: rachel@racheledmonds.com

Education

University of California, Berkeley, CA, College of Environmental Design
Master of Landscape Architecture, May 2009
Master of City Planning, Economic and Regional Development, May 2006

Georgetown University, Washington, DC, Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service
B.S. Foreign Service, Culture and Politics, August 1999, *cum laude*

Portland Community College, Portland, OR
Associate of Arts, Transfer Degree, June 1997

Work Experience

Graphics Contractor

BlinkTag, San Francisco, CA
www.blinktag.com

June 2009 – Present

Duties: Created graphics used with navigational Google maps for smartphone applications; produced annotated illustrative map for real estate portfolio firm in San Francisco for web, office display, and promotional print uses. Map is available online at: <http://www.afirealestate.com/southbeach.php>

CAD Contractor

Ames Alley Neighborhood Association, San Francisco, CA

November 2009 – February 2010

Duties: Worked for a neighborhood association to produce schematic CAD drawing set for the pedestrian-focused redesign of Ames Street, an alley in the Mission neighborhood of San Francisco. The SF Department of Public Works is the lead partner agency.

Planning & Urban Design Intern

San Francisco Planning Dept., City Design Group, San Francisco, CA
www.sf-planning.org/ftp/CDG/index.htm

February 2009 – August 2009

Duties: Worked with City Design Group staff to compile first-ever draft of *General Urban Design Guidelines for the City of San Francisco*; produced new and edited graphics for San Francisco's *Better Streets Plan*; conducted research on pedestrian lighting guidelines and performance measures; provided graphics assistance to staff in preparation for public meetings.

Graduate Student Instructor

University of California – Berkeley, Dept. of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning

January – May (2007-2009)

Duties: Assisted course instructor to assemble lectures for LA 130, an introductory course in landscape architecture; assisted students with course papers and exam preparation; provided a 90 minute lecture on design and planning in Portland, Oregon; graded exams and term papers; led field trip to San Francisco with instructor.

Course Reader

University of California – Berkeley, Dept. of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning

August 2008 – December 2008

Duties: Assisted professor with exam/project grading and logistical coordination for LA 111, an introductory course on plants design.

Landscape Architect Intern

MIG, Inc. (Moore Iacofano & Goltsman), Portland, OR
www.migcom.com

June 2008 – August 2008

Duties: Produced illustrative plan and perspective renderings for landscape and urban design departments; coordinated construction document submissions with four subcontractors; attended public outreach events and stakeholder meetings; calculated initial cost estimate for a community park in Hillsboro, Oregon; incorporated as-built changes into drawing sets.

Graduate Student Researcher

September 2007 – January 2008

University of California – Berkeley, Dept. of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning

Duties: Produced digital graphics for Urban Transformation: Understanding City Form and Design, a book by Peter Bosselmann, Professor of Urban Design at UC Berkeley. The book was published by Island Press in November 2008.

Landscape Architect Intern

June 2007 – August 2007

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department, Vancouver, WA
www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/parks-recreation/

Duties: Produced conceptual plans and graphics for neighborhood parks; provided website and staff support for a series of community open-houses for a new rails-with-trails project; produced map for City and County officials used for park planning and annexation purposes.

Intern – Jobs, Income & Assets Program

July 2005 – May 2006

The National Economic Development & Law Center, Oakland, CA
www.nedlc.org

Duties: Designed survey questionnaire on workforce training and service access for limited English speakers and non-citizens; performed research on sector workforce training programs; identified potential survey recipients; launched online survey process; worked with senior program staff to develop research methodology for determining access of limited English proficient (LEP) groups to employment training and services.

Associate Producer for Radio & Television – “dialogue”

March 2001 – July 2004

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC
www.wilsoncenter.org/dialogue

Duties: Provided research, creative and administrative assistance to the production of a weekly radio and 26-part television series on international affairs, history and culture; scouted guests and developed new program ideas; managed and forecasted department budget of \$325K per year; directed marketing and promotion efforts at both local and national levels; used CMS to update departmental website with written and audiovisual media; provided technical assistance for television and radio tapings; supervised work of department research interns; arranged travel and facilitated public events for program guests and staff.

Program Assistant – Division of International Studies

August 2000 – March 2001

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC

Duties: Provided scheduling, administrative and logistical support for private and public departmental meeting series on nonproliferation, digital divide, and globalization issues; managed departmental budget, scheduling, and research interns; composed correspondence, summaries, invitations, and other materials for meeting series.

Project Assistant – Litigation Practice Group

August 1999 – August 2000

Shaw Pittman L.L.P., Washington, DC

Duties: Assisted in filing legal briefs at state and federal court; attended to all aspects of case management; responded to client requests to obtain public records under Freedom of Information Act from state and federal agencies; handled *pro bono* legal representation for Whitman-Walker Legal Clinic in Washington, DC involving appeal for Social Security disability for an HIV-positive client.

U.S. Senate Intern and Staff Assistant

June 1999 – August 1999

The Office of U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), Washington, DC

Skill Set

- Proficiency in AutoCAD, Adobe Creative Suite, ArcMap9(GIS), Microsoft Office Suite
- Solid grasp of Rhino 3d and SketchUp
- Outstanding organizational and research skills
- Experience working individually and in teams to produce designs, presentations, reports, and graphics
- Experience in planning, coordinating, and facilitating public meetings
- Knowledge of California and Oregon plants and ecological factors
- Hand drawing, watercolor, and sketching skills

Awards, Scholarships & Activities

Geraldine Knight Scott Travel Fellowship <i>Dixie Transforming: An Exploration of Landscapes of the American South</i>	2009 – 2010
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Department of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning, UC Berkeley	2008 – 2009
San Francisco Garden Club Design Competition, 3rd Place	2009
Beatrix Farrand Fellowship	August 2007 – May 2009
USA Funds Access to Education Scholarship	2007 – 2009
Member, ASLA Student Chapter, UC Berkeley	August 2006 – May 2009
International Studio – <i>Master Plan for Ko Lanta Yai, Krabi Province, Thailand</i>	May 23 – June 17, 2006
International Studio – <i>Developing a Sustainable Tourism Strategy for Krabi Province, Thailand</i>	May 22 – June 18, 2005

Publications

- Edmonds, Rachel, Erin Machell and Brendan Stewart. "Park Merced Towers and Open Space Study - Fall 2008." Submitted as a final report for LA 241: Research Methods in Environmental Design. December 18, 2008. PDF available online at racheledmonds.com/media.
- Edmonds, Rachel, Nathaniel Behrends, Kristen Podolak, Ben Jackson, and Jane Wardani. "Reconnecting a Divided Watershed - Fall 2007." Submitted as a mid-term report for LA 201: Ecological Factors in Urban Design. November 13, 2007. PDF available online at racheledmonds.com/media.
- Edmonds, Rachel. "Employment Training and Workforce Service Provision for the Limited English Proficient and Non-Citizens." Professional Report submitted to the Department of City & Regional Planning, UC Berkeley. April 28, 2006.
- Edmonds, Rachel and Jackie Tsou. "University-Cedar Open Space Study - Fall 2005." Submitted to the Berkeley Parks and Recreation Commission, City of Berkeley, California. December 13, 2005.

Current Volunteer Gigs

Landscape Designer

Oakland Landscape Committee, Oakland, CA

I am working with the Oakland Landscape Committee, the Living Labs Project, and staff from Las Juntas Elementary School in Martinez, CA to develop plans for outdoor classrooms, school gardens, and planting enhancements for the school's street entrance. Construction will be funded with donations from community partners and is expected to begin August 2010.

Habitat Restoration Volunteer

Save the Bay, Oakland, CA