

My Career Discovery Experience 2001

Career Discovery marked a pivotal moment in my life. Life would never be the same again. When I had graduated from undergrad, I had sworn to never set foot inside a studio again. One of my professors called me a couple of years later and told me I should really consider landscape architecture. It wasn't until the first week of Career Discovery that I realized I had indeed found my niche, my focus in life. Landscape architecture fit me perfectly. It took all the parts of architecture I loved and left out all the parts I hated. The program itself was like day to the night of my previous experience. Career Discovery was positive, full of constructive criticism. For the first time in my life design had become fun and exciting. The workload was similar, but the way in which it was framed was entirely different. My instructor's enthusiasm and encouragement helped me to navigate through my first project as a landscape architect. My exuberance also grew with each lecture, each office visit and each site visit, as I began to grasp an understanding of what it might mean to practice. Now as I am finishing up my second year of the Masters of Landscape Architecture Program here at Harvard, I look back fondly on the summer of 2001. It was then that I began to gain a joy and a passion for the profession, that has propelled me on to where I am today. It was during Career Discovery that I discovered not only my voice, but other voices of the profession I now call my own.

Rating: 10 stars out of a possible 10

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