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EDUCATION

PhD in Environmental Planning, University of California, Berkeley. 2001
Master of Architecture, University of California, Berkeley. 1994
Master of Landscape Architecture, University of Pennsylvania. 1993
Bachelor of Architecture, Cooper Union. 1990

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Community design, civic engagement, public spaces, spatial justice, bottom-up placemaking

SELECTED ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2001—2024	Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Washington, Seattle
2009—2017	Department Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Washington
2013—2014	City of Vienna Visiting Professor, Interdisciplinary Center for Urban Culture and Public Space, TU Wien
2011—2024	Adjunct Faculty, Department of Architecture, University of Washington
2010—2024	Adjunct Faculty, Department of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

Council of Fellows. American Society of Landscape Architects. 2023
CELA Outstanding Educator Award. Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture. 2023
Best in Building Health Leadership Award presented to the Academic Advisory Group for the Viral Response Module. Center for Active Design. March 2021
2019 Excellence in Research and/or Creative Work Award, Senior Level. Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA). March 2019.
LAF Fellowship for Innovation and Leadership. Landscape Architecture Foundation. Spring 2019-Spring 2020
Community Stewardship Award. UW Department of Landscape Architecture: Neighborhood Revitalization through Community-University Partnership in Seattle’s Chinatown-International District. 2018 WASLA Professional Award. 2018
Fulbright Scholar. Council for International Exchange of Scholars. Project: Creative Urban Commoning—Examining Alternative Placemaking in Contemporary Taiwan. 2015.
Places Book Award. Environmental Design Research Association, for *Insurgent Public Space: Guerrilla Urbanism and the Remaking of Contemporary Cities*, edited by Jeffrey Hou. 2012
Community Builder Award. Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority. 2012
Award of Recognition for Excellence in Service-learning Education. Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture. 2011
Golden Circle Award, in appreciation for a lifelong contribution to the Chinese American and Asian American community and its heritage. Organization of Chinese Americans Greater Seattle Chapter. 2011

Places Book Award. Places: Design Observer and Environmental Design Research Association, in cooperation with Metropolis Magazine, for *Greening Cities, Growing Communities: Learning from Seattle's Urban Community Gardens*, co-authored by Jeffrey Hou, Julie M. Johnson, and Laura J. Lawson. 2010

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Cho, I.S., Križnik, B., and Hou, J. (eds.). (2022). *Emerging Civic Urbanisms in Asia: Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore, and Taipei Beyond Developmental Urbanisation*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.
- de la Pena, D., Jones Allen, D., Hester, D., Hou, J., Lawson, L., and McNally, M. (eds.) (2017). *Design as Democracy: Techniques for Collective Creativity*. Washington, DC: Island Press
- Hou, J., and Knierbein, S. (2017). *City Unsilenced: Urban Resistance and Public Space in the Age of Shrinking Democracy*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Chalana, M., and Hou, J. (eds.) (2016). *Messy Urbanism: Understanding the 'Other' Cities of Asia*. Hong Kong: University of Hong Kong Press.
- Hou, J., Spencer, B., Way, T., and Yocom, K. (eds.) (2015). *Now Urbanism: The Future City is Here*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (ed.). (2013). *Transcultural Cities: Border Crossing and Placemaking*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (ed.). (2010). *Insurgent Public Space: Guerrilla Urbanism and the Remaking of Contemporary Cities*. London: Routledge.
- Hou, J., Johnson, J., and Lawson, L. (2009). *Greening Cities, Growing Communities: Learning from Seattle's Urban Community Gardens*. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

Journal Articles (Refereed & Invited)

- Hou, J. (2023). Seattle's CHOP guerrilla garden as a "thick" space of civil resistance. *Local Environment*, 28(2): 189-202.
- Chu, A-Y., and Hou, J. (2023). Voices of Precarity in Taipei. *Topos*, 125: 78-84.
- Summers, B.T., Till, J., Deamer, P., Hou, J., Barber, D.A., Nduom, D., Graham, J., Wendl, N., Shepard, C., Roberts, A., Jensen Carr, S., Theodore, D., "[Field Notes on Design Activism: 2,](#)" *Places Journal*, November 2022. Accessed 03 Nov 2022.
- Hou, J. (2021). Civic Resilience and the COVID-19 Crisis in Urban Asia. *Journal of Geographical Science*, 100: 121-136.
- Hou, J. (2021). Be Water: Protests in Liquid Public Space. *Protest Urbanism. MONU*, 34 (October): 12-17.
- Lozanovska, M., Pieris, A., Haghighi, F., Taylor, W.M., Hou, J., Smitheram, J., & Chee, L. (2021). Other Spaces of Quarantine, *Fabrications*, 30(3): 416-429.
- Hou, J. (2020). Guerrilla Urbanism: Urban Design and the Practices of Resistance. *Urban Design International*, 25(2): 117-125.
- Knierbein, S., Hou, J., Gabauer, A. (2020). Public Space, Civic Dignity and Urban Resistance in the Age of Shrinking Democracy. *Transactions of the Association of European Schools of Planning*, 4(2020): 46-58.
- Hou, J. (2020). Governing Urban Gardens for Resilient Cities: Examining the "Garden City Initiative" in Taipei. *Urban Studies* 57(7): 1398-1416.
- Hou, J., and Tang, D. (2019). Plant's-Eye Views of Taipei. *Landscape Architecture Frontier*, 7(1): 150-155.
- Hou, J. (2018). Integrating Community Gardens into Urban Parks: Lessons in Planning, Design, and Partnership from Seattle. *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening*, 33 (June): 46-55.
- Hou, J. (2017). Urban Commoning, Against City Divided: Field Notes from Taipei and Hong Kong. *Perspecta 50: Urban Divides*, 292-301. Yale University School of Architecture.
- Hou, J, and Hammami, F. (2015). On the Entangled Paths of Urban Resistance, City Planning and Heritage Conservation. *PlaNext* 1(1): 9-16.
- Hou, J. (2013). Community 'Owned' Public Space: Seattle's Alternatives to POPS *SUR: Sustainable Urban Regeneration*, 25: 74-77. Special Issue: Privately Owned Public Space. Tokyo: University of Tokyo.
- Hou, J. (2012). Beyond Zuccotti Park: Making the Public. *Places Journal*, September 2012. Accessed 01 Feb 2020. <https://doi.org/10.22269/120924>
- Hou, J. (2009). Everyday Landscape and Urban DIYism in Sanzihou, Taipei. *InTensions*, 2.0, spring.

- Hou, J., and Kinoshita, I. (2007). Bridging Community Differences through Informal Processes: Reexamining Participatory Planning in Seattle and Matsudo. *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 26(3): 301-313.
- Abramson, D., Manzo, L., and Hou, J. (2006). From Ethnic Enclave to Multi-ethnic Translocal Community: Constructed Identities and Community Planning in Seattle's 'Chinatown-International District. *Journal of Architecture and Planning Research*. 23(4), Winter: 341-359.
- Hou, J., and Kang, M-J. (2006). Differences and Dialogic Learning in a Collaborative Virtual Design Studio. *Open House International* 31(3): 85-94.
- Hou, J., Kinoshita, I., and Ono, S. (2005). Design Collaboration in the Space of Cross-cultural Flows. *Landscape Journal* 24(2): 125-135.
- Hou, J., and Rios, J. (2003). Community-driven Placemaking: the Social Practice of Participatory Design in the Making of Union Point Park. *Journal of Architectural Education*, 57 (1): 19-27.
- Hou, J. (2000). From Dual Disparities to Dual Squeeze: The Emerging Patterns of Regional Development in Taiwan. *Berkeley Planning Journal* 14, 2000, p. 4-22.

Guest Journal Editor (Invited)

- Special Issue: Design for the Common Good. *Taiwan Architecture*, no. 321 (June), 2022. *Guest co-editor*
- [Special Issue: Guerrilla Urbanism](#). *Urban Design International*, 25(2). *Guest editor*
- ["Globally Engagement:" Pedagogy, Research, and Creative Practices](#). *Public: A Journal of Imagining America*, Vol. 3, No. 2. 2016. *Guest co-editor*.
- [PlaNext: Cities that Talk](#), Journal of the AESOP Young Academics Network. 1(1). 2015. *Guest editor*.

Book Chapters (Refereed & Invited)

- Hou, J. (2022). Community Capacity Building as Just Urban Design: Learning from Seattle's Chinatown International District. In Goh, K., A. Loukaitou-Sideris, and V. Mukhija (eds.), *Just Urban Design: The Struggle for a Public City*, 165-182. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press.
- Hou, J. (2022). Post-Covid Community Design (Seattle, USA). In Hayashi, M. (ed.), *Creating Urban Open Spaces: Preparing for the Post-Pandemic Era and Introducing Pioneering Projects around the World*, 1-18. Tokyo: Marumo Publishing, Co. Ltd. (In Japanese)
- Abelman, J., Chang, C-Y., Chang, S.E., Hou, J., Hung, S-H., Lai, P-H., and Pryor, M. (2022). Reimagining urban agriculture for sustainable urban futures: Education, health, and urban commons. In Yang, Y., and A. Taufen (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Sustainable Cities and Landscapes in the Pacific Rim*, 155-163. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (2020). Placemaking as Emancipatory Practice in Asia? In Karssenberg, Hans and Siënna Veelders (eds.), *The City at Eye Level Asia*, 320-325. Amsterdam: STIPO Publishing.
- Hou, J. (2020). The Garden(s) of Arrival. *Spirited Stone: Lessons from Kubota's Garden*, 31-40. Seattle: Chin Music Press.
- Hou, J. (2020). Emerging Spaces of Citizenship. In Rahmann, Heike, and Jillian Wallis (eds.), *The Big Asian Book of Landscape Architecture*, 118-127. Berlin: Jovis.
- Hou, J. (2020). Grounding a New Design Agency: Rural/Urban Experiments in China. In Kehrler, Jutta (ed.), *New Horizons: Eight Perspectives on Chinese Landscape Architecture Today*, 38-41. Berlin: Birkhäuser.
- Hou, J. (2020). From Conflicts to Commoning: Alleys as Sites for Social Innovation in Taipei. In Gibert-Flutre, Marie and Heide Imai (eds.), *Asian Alleyways: An Urban Vernacular in Times of Globalization*, 159-179. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.
- Hou, J. (2020). Grounding a New Design Agency: Rural/Urban Experiments in China. In Kehrler, Jutta (ed.), *New Horizons: Eight Perspectives on Chinese Landscape Architecture Today*, 38-41. Berlin: Birkhäuser
- Hou, J. (2020). Public Space as a Space of Resistance and Democratic Resilience. In Mehta, Vikas and Danilo Palazzo (eds.), *Companion to Public Space*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Kim, Y-K., and Hou, J. (2020). Community Design: Getting Involved in Social Issues. In Kim, A-Y., et al. (eds.), *A New Horizon of Korean Landscape Architecture*, 46-59. Seoul: Hanshu Book Publishing. (In Korean)
- Lien, C., and Hou, J. (2019). Open Green: Placemaking Beyond Place-Bound Communities in Taipei. In Aelbrecht, Patricia, and Quentin Stevens (eds.), *Public Space Design and Social Cohesion: An International Perspective*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Huang, S-M., and Hou, J. (2018). Relocated Authenticity: Placemaking in Displacement in Southern Taiwan. In Tate, L. and Shannon, B. (eds). *Planning for AuthenticITIES*, 271-286. London and New York: Routledge.

- Hou, J. (2018). Everyday and Bottom-Up: A Counter-Narrative of American City Design. In Kickert, C., and Arefi, M. (eds.), *Palgrave Handbook on Bottom-Up Urbanism*, 13-27. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Hou, J. (2018). Rupturing, Accreting, and Bridging: From Everyday Insurgencies to Emancipatory City-Making in East Asia. In Knierbein, S., and Viderman, T. (eds.), *Public Space Unbound: Urban Emancipation and the Post-Political Condition*, 85-98. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J., and Knierbein, S. (2017). Shrinking Democracy and Urban Resistance: Toward an Emancipatory Politics of Public Space. In Hou, J., and Knierbein, S. (eds.) *City Unsilenced: Urban Resistance and Public Space in the Age of Shrinking Democracy*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Knierbein, S., and Hou, J. (2017). City Unsilenced: Spatial Grounds of Radical Democratization. In Hou, Jeffrey, and Sabine Knierbein (eds.) *City Unsilenced: Urban Resistance and Public Space in the Age of Shrinking Democracy*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (2017). Urban Community Gardens as Multimodal Social Spaces. In Tan, P.Y., and Jim, C.Y. (eds.), *Greening Cities: Forms and Functions*. Singapore: Springer Nature.
- Hou, J. (2016). Deadly and Lively Encounters. In Darling, J., and Wilson, H.F. (eds.), *Encountering the City: Urban Encounters from Accra to New York*, 221-227. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J., and Chalana, M. (2016). Untangling the “Messy” Asian City. In Chalana, M., and Hou, J. (eds.) *Messy Urbanism: Understanding the ‘Other’ Cities of Asia*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.
- Hou, J. (2016). Everyday Urban Flux: Temporary Urbanism in East Asia as Insurgent Planning. In Chalana, M., and Hou, J. (eds.) *Messy Urbanism: Understanding the ‘Other’ Cities of Asia*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.
- Hou, J. (2014). Making and Supporting Community Gardens as Informal Urban Landscapes. In Mukhijia, V., and Loukaitou-Sideris, A. (eds.), *The Informal American City: Beyond Taco Trucks and Day Labor*, MA: The MIT Press.
- Hou, J. (2014). Life Before/During/Between/After Service-Learning Studios. In Bose, M., et al. (Eds.), *Community Matters: Service-Learning in Engaged Design and Planning*. London: Earthscan.
- Hou, J. (2013). Transcultural Participatory Design: Engaging, Empowering, and Learning from Immigrant Communities in Seattle’s International District. In Hou, J. (ed.), *Transcultural Cities: Border Crossing and Placemaking*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (2012). Vertical Urbanism, Horizontal Urbanity: Notes from East Asian Cities. In Bharn, V. (ed.), *The Emergent Asian City: Concomitant Urbanities and Urbanisms*. London: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (2012). Making Public, Beyond Public Space. In Shiffman, R., Bell, R., Brown, L.J., and Elizabeth, L. (eds.), *Beyond Zuccotti Park: Freedom of Assembly and the Occupation of Public Space*. Berkeley, CA: New Village Press.
- Shiffman, R., and Hou, J. (2012). A Call for Action. In Shiffman, R., Bell, R., Brown, L.J., and Elizabeth, L. (eds.), *Beyond Zuccotti Park: Freedom of Assembly and the Occupation of Public Space*. Berkeley, CA: New Village Press.
- Emerson, P., and Hou, J. (2012). 17th and South Jackson: Relocating Casa Latina and Navigating Cultural Crossroads in Seattle. In Vasquez, L., and Rios, M. (eds.), *Diálogos: Placemaking in Latino Communities*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (2012). Modeling Landscapes. In Amoroso, Nadia (ed.), *Representing Landscapes: A Visual Collection of Landscape Architectural Drawings*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (2011). Differences Matter: Learning to Design in Partnership with Others. In Doble, C., Horrigan, P., and Angotti, T. (eds.), *At the Boundaries: Transformative Design and Planning Education through Community-based Service-Learning*. Berkeley, CA: New Village Press
- Hou, J. (2011). Citizen Design: Participation and Beyond. In Banerjee, T., and Loukaitou-Sideris, A. (eds.), *Companion to Urban Design*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (2010). ‘Night Market’ in Seattle: Community Eventscape and the Reconstruction of Public Space. In Hou, J. (ed.), *Insurgent Public Space: Guerrilla Urbanism and the Remaking of Contemporary Cities*. London: Routledge.
- Hou, J. (2008). Traditions, Transformation, and Community Design: Making of Two Ta’u Houses. In Bell, B., and Wakeford, K. (eds.), *Expanding Architecture: Design as Activism*. New York: Metropolis Books.
- Hou, J. (2007). Community Processes: The Catalytic Agency of Service Learning Studio. In Salama, A., and Wilkinson, N. (eds.), *Design Studio Pedagogy: Horizons for the Future*. Urban International Press, UK.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Landscape Architecture Foundation. *Education Committee member 2022-2024*

Australian Planner. *Advisory board member 2022 to present*

Design for the Common Good Network. *Executive Committee member 2021 to present*

Fitwell Healthy Building Certification System. Center for Active Design. *Academic Advisory Group 2020*

Imagining America. *National Advisory Board 2020-2021*

APRU Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Program. *Steering Committee Member 2020 to present*

The 57th IFLA World Congress (IFLA 2020). International Federation of Landscape Architecture. *Scientific Committee 2020*

ASLA Committee on Education. *CELA Representative 2019-2021*

Maynard Alley Partnership. Chinatown International District, Seattle. *Committee member 2018 to present*

Little Saigon Park. *Advisory Committee member 2018 to present*

Structure for Inclusion. Design Corps. *Organizing Committee 2018*

Great Asian Streets Symposium. National University of Singapore. *Scientific committee 2018*

ASLA Student Award. *National Award Juror 2018*

ARI-Springer in Asia Book Series. Asian Research Institute. National University of Singapore. *Associate Editor 2017 to present*

Recharge the Battery. Battery Street Tunnel, Seattle. *Advisory team member 2017-2018*

North American Taiwanese Professors Association. *Board member 2016-2018, 2004-2006*

Public: A Journal of Imagining America. *Editorial Board 2014-2017*

Interdisciplinary Center for Urban Culture and Public Space (SKuOR). Technische Universität Wien (TU Wien). *Advisory Board member 2014 to present*

Social Economic Environmental Design (SEED). *Interim Advisory Board member 2013-2014, Academic Committee 2011-2013*

Places Journal. *Board member 2013-2018*

Friends of Hing Hay Park. *Co-chair 2013-2024*

CELA 2012 Award Committee. Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture. *Committee member 2012*

Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR). *Board member 2011-2015*

City of Seattle Central Waterfront Committee. Design Oversight Subcommittee. *Technical Advisor, 2011-2015*

Civic Design Award. AIA Washington Council. *Juror May 2010*

King Street Task Force. Chinatown-International District, Seattle. *Streetscape Committee member 2009-2011*

IDEA Space. Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda) *Co-chair, advisory board 2008-2016*

Open to the Public: Civic Space Now. AIANY 2014 Presidential Exhibition, Center for Architecture, New York. *Advisory Committee 2013-2014*

Association for Community Design. *Board member 2007-2014*

Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). *Understanding Cultures Global Challenge Steering Group Member 2011-2012*

Friends of International Children's Park. Chinatown-International District, Seattle. *Steering Committee member & Design Committee Chair 2007-2012*

International District Housing Alliance. Chinatown-International District, Seattle. *Board member 2006-2008*

Seattle Parks and Green Spaces (Pro Parks) Levy Citizen Oversight Committee. *Member, Appointed by Seattle City Council. 2004-2008, reappointed 2006*

North American Taiwan Studies Association. *Advisor 2018, 2009; President 2003, 2004; board member 2000*

Pacific Rim Community Design Network. *Co-founder; coordinator (1998 to present); conference co-organizer: 1998 (Berkeley), 2004 (Seattle)*