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EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin MSLA 1984
University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia BLA 1978
Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri (architecture 1973-75)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan:

School for Environment and Sustainability, Emeritus Professor, 2020-present; Landscape Architecture, Professor, 2009-2020; Theodore Roosevelt Chair of Ecosystem Management, 2013-2018; Associate Professor, 1992-2009; Chair, 1992-93, Fall 1999; Assistant Professor, 1986-1992. Program Associate, Program in the Environment, LSA, 2003-2020
Director, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, 2004-2020; Director, Nichols Arboretum, 1999-2004

Instructor, The Clearing, Ellison Bay, WI, summers 2011-2012, 2014, 2016

Instructor, Eagle Hill Seminars, Humboldt Field Research Institute, Steuben, ME, summer 2006.

Visiting lecturer, Technische Universität Wien (Vienna), Austria: Institut für Landschaftsplanung und Gartenkunst, May, 1992

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia: School of Architecture, Department of Landscape Architecture, Assistant Professor, 1984-1986

Landscape Architect, 1979-1981

Team Four, St. Louis, Missouri

Landscape Architect, Lehigh Canal Project, Summer 1979

Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), Heritage, Conservation, and Recreation Service (HCRS), Northeast Regional Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Landscape Architect, 1978-1979

Roy Ashley & Associates, Atlanta, GA

PUBLICATIONS

Grese, Robert E. 2020. "Nearby Nature: O.C. Simonds and the Nichols Arboretum." *View*. 20: 14-23.

Michener, David and Robert E. Grese, editors. 2020. *A Passion for Peonies: Celebrating the Culture and Conservation of Nichols Arboretum's Beloved Flower*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Grese, Robert E. 2017. "Nichols Arboretum, 1906-2017," *Object Lessons and the Formation of Knowledge: The University of Michigan Museums, Libraries and Collections 1817-2017*, edited by Kerstin Barndt and Carla M. Sinopoli, Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Grese, Robert E. 2016. "Jens Jensen and native gardens," *Wild Ones Journal*. 29: 1 (January/February): 12-15.

Grese, Robert E. 2015. "Dwight Perkins, Jens Jensen, and the Cook County Forest Preserves." *Celebrating 100 Years of Beauty in the Forest Preserves, 1915-2015*. Chicago, IL: Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Board of Commissioners. Pp. 9-11.

Grese, Robert E. 2015. "Engaging people in the design of landscapes." *Fostering Reasonableness: Supportive Environments for Bringing Out Our Best* edited by Rachel Kaplan and Avik Basu. Ann Arbor: Maize Books (Michigan Publishing). Pp. 329-346.

Grese, Bob. 2014. "The Great Lakes Gardens, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI," *Rock Garden Quarterly*. 73:1(Winter 2014/2015): 42-45.

- Grese, Robert E. 2014. "Time and change in the landscapes of Jens Jensen." *History of Gardens & Designed Landscapes*. 34:1 (January-March): 28-37.
- Deyo, Nicholas, Meredith Bohlan, Robin Burke, Ann Kelley, Brittney Van der Werff, Emily Blackmer, Robert E. Grese, and Nicholas J. Reo. 2014. Trails on tribal lands in the United States. *Landscape and Urban Planning*. 125 (May): 130-139
(<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169204614000619>)
- Grese, Robert E. 2011. *The Native Landscape Reader*. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press in conjunction with the Library of American Landscape History.
- Heslinga, Justin L. and Robert E. Grese. 2010. "Assessing Plant Community Changes Over Sixteen Years of Restoration in a Remnant Michigan Tallgrass Prairie," *American Midland Naturalist*. 164: 2 (October): 322-336.
- Grese, Robert E. 2010. "Trends in Botanical Gardens and Arboreta: Connecting Kids to Nature." *SITES: Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects*. (Spring) 5-7.
- Grese, Robert E. and David Michener. 2006. "Ethics, Water Conservation, and Sustainable Gardens," *Landscape Architecture*. 96: 6, pp. 76, 78, 80, 82-85.
- Grese, Robert E. and David Michener. 2005. "Ethics, Water Conservation, and Sustainable Gardens," *Public Garden*. 20: 4 (2005): 16-19.
- Ryan, Robert L. and Robert E. Grese. 2005. "Urban Volunteers and the Environment: Forest and Prairie Restoration." *Urban Place: Reconnecting to the Natural World*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. pp. 173-188.
- Donald Gray, Robert Grese, and Tammy Orlow. 2004. "Saving School Girls' Glen: Erosion control and watershed restoration in a University arboretum." *Erosion Control*. 11: 2(March/April): 34-45.
(http://www.forester.net/ecm_0403_saving.html)
- Ryan, Robert, Rachel Kaplan, and Robert Grese. 2001. "Predicting Volunteer Commitment in Environmental Stewardship Programs." *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*. 44(5): 629-648.
- Grese, Robert E. and John R. Knott, editors. 2001. *Michigan Quarterly Review*, Special Issue: "Reimagining Place." Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan. pp. 1-6.
- Grese, Robert E., Rachel Kaplan, Robert L. Ryan, and Jane Buxton. 2000. "Psychological Benefits of Volunteering in Stewardship Programs" in *Restoring Nature* edited by Paul Gobster and Bruce Hull, Covelo, CA: Island Press. pp. 265-280.
- Grese, Robert E. 2000. "The Landscape Architect as Conservationist: Jens Jensen and the Native Landscape" in *Midwestern Landscape Architecture*. edited by William Tishler. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press. pp. 117-141.
- Grese, Robert E. 1999. "The Landscape Art of Jens Jensen" in *Recovering the Prairie* edited by Robert Sayre. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press. pp. 124-143.
- Grese, Robert E. 1995. "The Prairie Gardens of O. C. Simonds and Jens Jensen." *Regional Garden Design in the United States*. edited by Therese O'Malley and Marc Treib. Washington, D. C.: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection. pp. 99-123.
- Grese, Robert E. 1992. *Jens Jensen: Maker of Natural Parks and Gardens*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press. 304pp.

REPORTS

- Mohr, Paula A. and Robert E. Grese, 2014. "National Historic Landscape Nomination for Edsel and Eleanor Ford House," under review by the National Park Service.
- Grese, Robert E., Mark E. Dennis, and Christopher A. Smith. 2005. "Site History," "Significance of Cranbrook's Cultural Landscape," and "Statement of Integrity and Proposed Treatment." Sasaki Associates, Inc. and University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources and Environment. 2005. *Cranbrook: Cultural Landscape Report*. Sasaki Associates, Inc.: Boston, MA. pp. 13-35, 50-66.
- Grese, Robert E. 2004. "Final Report": Restoration of Native Upland Plant Species along Willow Run Creek and Edson Pond, Van Buren Township, MI." (unpublished report submitted to Michigan

Department of Environmental Quality for project funded by UM Occupational Safety and Environmental Health)

- Grese, Robert E. 2004. "Fair Lane/The Henry Ford Estate, University of Michigan-Dearborn: National Historic Landmark Nomination" (unpublished report submitted to the National Park Service)
- Grese, Robert E. 2002. "Management Plan Review: Edsel and Eleanor Ford House" (unpublished report funded by the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House)
- Rusnak, Cecilia and Robert Grese. 1997-2000. "Historic Landscape Report for Bruce more Historic Site, Cedar Rapids, IA. (unpublished reports submitted to Bruce more, Inc., National Trust for Historic Preservation).
- Harrington, John and Robert Grese. 1985. "Landscape Master Plan for the Luther College Campus, Decorah, IA.

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS:

- 2/15/20 "Heathdale and Laurel Ridge," Ann Arbor Chapter, Rhododendron Society of America, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2/13/20 "MNature: Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum," U-M Retirees Association, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1/8/20 "Creating a Native Plant Garden," Ann Arbor Wild Ones.
- 7/18/19 "Michigan Native Plants and Gardens," Master Gardeners of Wayne and Oakland Counties, Tollgate Center, Novi, MI
- 6/29/19 "Jens Jensen in Evanston, IL," Jens Jensen Gardens in Evanston, Evanston, IL
- 5/29/19 "Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum," 2nd 50's, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, MI
- 3/18/19 "Conservation by Design: Native Gardens Past and Present," Garden History & Design, Perrysburg, OH
- 2/20/19 "Conservation by Design: Native Gardens Past and Present," North Oakland Wild Ones, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2/4/19 "Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum," PEO Group, City Club, Ann Arbor
- 11/19/18 ASLA webinar on ecological restoration: "Learning from three decades of practicing ecological restoration," with David Borneman
- 11/2/18 Tour of Jensen Landscapes, Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society (INPAWS) meeting, Indianapolis, IN
- 9/13/18 "Reading and Writing about the Native Landscape, 1830s-1950s," Ann Arbor Farm & Garden, City Club, Ann Arbor
- 3/24/18 "Midwest Prairie Style Gardens: the design work of Jens Jensen and Ossian Cole Simonds," President's Council, Michigan Nature Association, East Lansing, MI
- 2/8/18 "Sustainability at Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum," Ross Green Team, Ross School of Business Administration, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 1/31/18 "Learning by Leading," with Kathleen Socolofsky, Director, University of California-Davis, Arboretum. Directors of Large Gardens Meeting, Puerto Vallarta Botanical Gardens, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- 1/10/18 Allegheny County Parks 90th Anniversary Symposium, Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, PA
- 11/28/17 "Learning by Leading: A New Model for Expanding Museum Impact," with Kathleen Socolofsky, Director, University of California-Davis Arboretum, Museum Studies Program, University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI
- 5/5/17 "Green Roofs, Rooftop Gardens, and Sustainability," Grosse Pointe Garden Club, Grosse Pointe, MI
- 3/24/17 "Restoration in Cities," Plenary Panel Presentation: "Designing Ecological Restoration Projects for Public Engagement, Ninth Society for Ecological Restoration Midwest Great Lakes Midwest Chapter Meeting, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2/22/17 Cincinnati Garden Club, Cincinnati, OH

- 2/17/17 “Prairie Style Gardens: Landscape Design Work of Jens Jensen and O. C. Simonds,”
Elderwise, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1/10/17 “Native Gardens at Home,” Ann Arbor Backyard Beekeepers, Ann Arbor, MI
- 11/5/16 “Native Grasslands,” Panel Presentation, Detroit Audubon Annual Conservation Conference,
Belle Isle Nature Center, Detroit, MI
- 9/16/16 Panel Presentation, American Association for State and Local Government, Detroit, MI
- 9/14/16 “Conservation by Design,” Conservation Stewards Program, MSU Extension, Ann Arbor, MI
- 6/19-25/16 “Landscape Design: Through the Eyes of Jens Jensen,” The Clearing, Ellison Bay, WI (week-
long field course)
- 10/17/15 “The Great Lakes Garden and the Role of Botanical Gardens in Native Plant Education,”
Michigan Botanical Club Annual Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 9/30/15 “Roots of Sustainability and the Work of Jens Jensen,” Michigan Chapter ASLA, Ann Arbor,
MI
- 9/19/15 “Conservation by Design: Native Gardens Past and Present,” Growing Awareness: Planting
Biodiverse and Resilient Landscapes, Rhode Island Native Plant Society, 2015 Native Plant
Symposium, Providence, RI.
- 9/9/15 “Conservation by Design,” Conservation Stewards Program, MSU Extension, Ann Arbor, MI
- 8/3/15 University of Michigan’s Natural Lands in Southeast Michigan, Kiwanis Club, Ann Arbor,
MI
- 7/19/16 Medicinal Garden, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Huron Valley Chapter of the Sierra Club,
Ann Arbor, MI
- 4/22-23/15 Panel following showing of *Jens Jensen: The Living Green* and lecture: “Roots of
Sustainability: Jens Jensen, O. C. Simonds, and Other Pioneers in Native Landscape Design,”
New York Botanical Garden, NY
- 3/16/15 “The Prairie Style of Garden Design: Jens Jensen and O.C. Simonds,” Bay City Garden Club,
Bay City, MI
- 3/8/15 “Putting Your Native Garden to Work: Designing for Conservation, Sustainability, and
Beauty,” Wildflower Association of Michigan Conference, East Lansing, MI

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Registered Landscape Architect—Michigan, 1986-present
 Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation, 1996-present. Board of Directors (2001-2004)
 American Society of Landscape Architects
 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission, Municipal Center Task Force 2008-2011
 College of Environment + Design, University of Georgia, Dean’s Advisory Committee, 2013-present.
 Garden Club of America, Honorary Director, 2016-present
 Legacy Land Trust, Board of Directors, 2010
 Michigan Consortium of Botanists, Board, 2013-present
 New Directions for the American Landscape (NDAL), Advisory Board, 2008-present
 Respite Care Committee, Mott Children’s Hospital, 2016-present
 St. Paul Lutheran Church-Ann Arbor, Elder, 2010-2014
 Sensory Garden Subcommittee, Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues 2012-2013
 Society for Ecological Restoration (Midwest Chapter, Executive Committee—State Representative 2009-
 2010; Organizing Committee 2008-2009; Annual meeting organizer 2012)
 Stewardship Network, Board of Directors, Steering Committee 1998-2004; Board of Directors 2004-2010
 Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee
 (NATAC); 2011-present; Chair, 2014-2015
 Wild Ones, 1995-present; President (Michigan/Ann Arbor Chapter) 1996-1998

University of Michigan:

SEAS Targeted Faculty Search Committee, 2020.

Space Committee, SEAS, 2019-2020.
President's Committee on a Culture of Sustainability, 2015
School of Natural Resources and Environment, Ecological Landscape Planning and Design Faculty
Search Committee, Chair, 2014-2015
School of Natural Resources and Environment, Executive Committee, 1994-98; 2002-2004, 2008-2010,
2012-2014
SNRE Properties committee, 2008-present; chair 2012-2017
Public Goods Council, 1999-2011; Cultural Collections Council, 2011-present
Road Scholars, University of Michigan, Office of the Vice President for Government Relations, May
2013.
Tree Campus USA Committee, Grounds Department, 2008-present
Dean Search Advisory Committee—SNRE, 2010-2011

AWARDS AND HONORS

Chairman's Award, Michigan Green Industry Association 2019 (for Matthaei Botanical Gardens and
Nichols Arboretum)
ASLA Council of Fellows, inducted 2019
CELA Council of Fellows, inducted 2019
ASLA Honor Award (2017), Communications Category for *Jens Jensen: The Living Green*
Theodore Roosevelt Chair of Ecosystem Management, School for Environment and Sustainability, 2013-
2018
Garden Club of America, Honorary Director, 2016-present
Wild Ones, Honorary Director (National), 2011-2017
Advisor of the Year Award, Michigan Leadership Awards, University of Michigan. April 2006.
Bob Grese Deep Roots Award, Ann Arbor Chapter of the Wild Ones, January 2003 (I was the first
recipient of this annual award which is named after me).
George Sexton Servant of the Earth Award, Huron Valley Chapter, Sierra Club, 1997
Outstanding Alumni Award (1994), Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Wisconsin-
Madison
Publication Award, Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, for *Jens Jensen: Maker of Natural Parks
and Gardens* (1993)
Volunteer Service Award, Friends of Nichols Arboretum (1993)
Honorary faculty member, Xi Sigma Pi (forestry), Upsilon Chapter (elected 1992)
Honorary faculty member, Sigma Lambda Alpha (landscape architecture), (elected 1991)