



SUMMARY BIOGRAPHY

Patricia M. O'Donnell, FASLA, AICP, Principal

Patricia M. O'Donnell received master degrees in landscape architecture with a concentration in applied behavioral research and in urban planning with a concentration in historic preservation from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She worked at Walmsley & Company, under Anthony Walmsley, FASLA, from 1983 to 1987 serving as project manager for Prospect Park, City Hall Park, East River Esplanade and the Emerald Necklace. From 1982 and 1992 she spearheaded the expansion of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Historic Preservation Committee by serving as vice-chair, co-chair, chair and past chair. In the 1980s and 1990s, O'Donnell testified before Congress to support the Olmsted legislation; lobbied Congress for funding of national cultural landscape studies; lobbied NPS to start the NPS historic landscape initiative; chaired the landscape preservation session for the Congressional study of preservation technology transfer; and served on review committees for historic landscape National Register Bulletins and Cultural Landscape Preservation Guidelines. She currently serves on the boards of the Cultural Landscape Foundation and National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.

She was an invited expert at the 1993 “*Cultural Landscapes of Universal Value*” expert summit organized by UNESCO World Heritage and held in the Biosphere reserve at Chorin, Germany. She presented two papers and aided in cultural landscape symposium organization at the Montreal ICOMOS conference in 1993. For the Cape Coast, Ghana Planning Workshops, in 1998 she served as US/ICOMOS delegate and reporting organizer. As a corresponding member of the ICOMOS/IFLA Historic Gardens & Cultural Landscapes Scientific Committee, she has participated in meetings in Madrid, 2002, Berlin/Bad Muskau, 2003 and Brussels, 2004. For the 2003 7th US/ICOMOS Symposium titled “Learning from World Heritage: Lessons in International Preservation & Stewardship of Cultural & Ecological Landscapes of Global Significance” she chaired the Scientific Committee and published a paper on the meeting in the George Wright Forum, September 2004.

O'Donnell is widely recognized as a leader and expert in the field of historic landscape preservation. She holds landscape architectural licenses in multiple states, is a certified planner and was inducted as a fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects for executed works in 1995. O'Donnell founded **Heritage Landscapes** in 1987. As principal for the past eighteen years she has specialized in historic landscape preservation planning, implementation, management and interpretation for some three hundred projects addressing National Landmark and National Register properties. She is engaged daily in the process of enhancing the relevance and vitality of cultural landscapes in contemporary life. Recent and current projects of note include planning and implementation for the Virginia Capitol, Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Dumbarton Oaks, Tudor Place, Oldfields at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Riverside Suburban Community, Martha Brooks Hutcheson's Merchiston Farm, Washington Irving's Sunnyside, Yorktown, Colonial Parkway, Shaker Mount Lebanon North Family, Camden Public Library, Amphitheater and Harbor Park, Shelburne Farms and historic parks and parkways in Baltimore, Rochester, Buffalo, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Louisville and Pittsburgh. The firm recently completed the Garfield Park Cultural Landscape Report for the Friends of Garfield Park and Indy Parks. From 1987 to 2004 **Heritage Landscapes** works have garnered 26 professional awards.

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