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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION M.L.A., Harvard University, 2005
B.Arch., Cooper Union, 1997

BIO Kenneth Francis is a partner and principal in charge of Surroundings Studio, a New Mexico based multidisciplinary design studio. During graduate school, he was awarded a travel grant to research the historic and cultural landscape of the acequias in Northern New Mexico. As a direct result of this study, Kenneth's work has been focused on innovative and sustainable water practices in every scale of project that comes into the studio. Kenneth and his studio are developing an evolving language of green infrastructure that responds to vital issues surrounding water in our region. Through this expertise, he has presented on the topic of green infrastructure at multiple conferences, including the Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Conference for ASLA New Mexico and was recently selected to present "Old School Green Infrastructure from A-Z" at the National ASLA conference this November. Earlier this year, Kenneth's studio's work on the poetics of water conservation was the subject of an interview on PBS Austin and was profiled in an article in Smithsonian Magazine for the stormwater design features of El Parque del Rio. This newly completed example of green infrastructure along the Santa Fe River was the recipient of a Sustainable Santa Fe design award this year and has established a precedent that the City of Santa Fe is carrying out through multiple projects across town.

AREAS OF INTEREST Green Infrastructure;

COURSES Urban Goals and Components (ARCH693/CRP570/LA512)

SERVICE Kenneth has been providing pro-bono work by offering his studio's expertise to The Santa Fe Academy of Sustainability Education (ASE), a partnership of Santa Fe Public Schools, Santa Fe Community College, the City of Santa Fe, and Creative Santa Fe.

AWARDS Seaholm Intake Design Competition, Austin, TX: Top 10 Finalist
South Capitol Campus 2040 Master Plan, NMASLA Planning Award

PROJECTS El Parque del Rio, Santa Fe NM; Wheelwright Museum, Santa Fe NM; Redford Residence, Santa Fe, NM

PUBLICATIONS | SCHOLARSHIPS Smithsonian Magazine, "Designing Democracy Around a Ditch"
PBS Austin TV Interview, "Central Texas Gardener"
The Voice of Santa Fe Radio Interview, "Landscaping for an Arid Land"
Penny White Travel Grant, Harvard GSD