

# ESPE KELLY

PRINCIPAL + PARTNER @ PLOT Studio  
Landscape Architecture + Research // South Miami, FL

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## EDUCATION

**1994** Florida International University  
Masters of Landscape Architecture

**1986** North Carolina State University  
Bachelor of Environmental Design in Landscape  
Architecture

## REGISTRATION

Registered Landscape Architect in the State of Florida  
LA 6667109

## SKILLS + INTERESTS

Adobe CS	Project Management	Strength Training
AutoCAD	Contract + Fee Proposals	Ironman Triathlons
Word	Construction Administration	Cooking
Excel	Fundraising	Jamming/Canning
Powerpoint		Photography

## AWARDS

**Galaxy Elementary School // Boynton Beach, FL** @ Curtis + Rogers  
Design Studio // Lead Designer / Project Manager

- USGBC Certification // Platinum (first public campus in Florida to receive LEED Platinum certification)
- FEPPA 2013 1st Place Award Elementary School Division
- USGBC SFL Gala Verde 2015 Most Outstanding LEED for Schools Project
- AIA Miami Committee on the Environment 2015 COTE Honor Award

**Pine Crest Upper School // Fort Lauderdale, FL** @ Curtis + Rogers  
Design Studio // Lead Designer / Project Manager

- USGBC Certification // Silver
- FEPPA 2013 Award of Merit High School Division
- Learning By Design 2012 Honorable Mention Campus/ Building
- American Schools and University 2012 Outstanding Design High School

**South Florida Horticultural Society Silver Medal "Tropica 90"**

## ACTIVITIES

- Environmental Review and Preservation Board, City of South Miami (2013-2016)
- ASLA / FLASLA Member (1995-2017, 2019-Present)
- Local Chapter Vice President // AILA (2006-2007)
- Event Team Member // Inaugural INSPIRE to Live Suicide Awareness Event April 11, 2020
- Participant // Best Buddies International Miami Challenge (2015-2018)
- Team Captain // St. Jude Children's Hospital Cooperate Challenge at South Beach Triathlon (2012-2015)

## EXPERIENCE

**2020** **Plot Studio : Landscape Architecture // Miami, FL**  
Principal + Partner  
**PRESENT**

- Joined Plot Studio as a Partner and Principal on January 1, 2020.

**2013** **ESK Design, Inc : Landscape Architecture // Miami, FL**  
Principal // Founder

**2019**

- Founded ESK Design, Inc., landscape architecture firm specializing in all types of projects ranging from residential estates to large scale commercial to parks, construction administration and maintenance management.
- Managed three million dollar City of Coral Gables Tree succession plan (sub consultant to C+R)

**2007** **Curtis + Rogers Design Studio (C+R) // Miami, FL**  
General Manager // Project Manager

**2013**

- Lead Designer and Project Manager for 50+ built projects (many award winning)
- Site General Manager for Abu Dhabi (assisted principals in opening 2008-2009)
- Produced full construction documents and written specifications for 50+ built projects (planting design, furniture, lighting, hardscape design)
- Wrote and submitted project proposals, producing full marketing packages
- Managed project accounting services (budget, invoices and payments)

**2005** **Form Landscape Architects // Brisbane, Australia**  
Associate Director

**2007**

- Continued as Project Manager for all Mossvale on Manly Development (sustainable neighborhood which incorporates bioswales and water sensitive design)
- Assisted Firm Director in launching Form Landscape Architects
- Managed the day to day operations of the firm

**2003** **Terrain Consultants // Brisbane, Australia**  
Senior Landscape Architect

**2005**

- Project Manager for all projects for Mossvale on Manly Development (150 acre single family residential neighborhood which included the sustainable masterplan of streetscapes, parks and water-sensitive community dwellings).

**1995** **Curtis + Rogers Design Studio // Miami, FL**  
Project Manager

**2003**

- Represented the firm as an in house position at Miami-Dade International Airport. During my time at the airport we put out over 10 million dollars worth of landscape and irrigation projects. These projects were designed, bid and built at a very fast pace to keep up with the demands of a growing airport.
- Lead designer and Project Manager for 70+ projects ranging from schools, parks, commercial and high rise residential.
- Managed the construction administration for the firm

## EXPERIENCE [CONTINUED]

**1992** Vila and Son Landscaping Corporation // Miami, FL  
Project Manager

- 1995**
- Managed all aspects of projects ranging from schools to major transportation projects
  - Estimated and prepared bids
  - Purchased project material
  - Scheduled installations and managed crews on the job site

**1989** M.A. Suarez and Associates // Miami, FL  
CAD Operator

- 1992**
- Assisted in production of construction documents in AutoCAD for all School Board projects
  - Consulted with team members to ensure the coordination of the structural design with architectural design

**1987** City of Miami Public Works Department // Miami, FL  
Landscape Architect I

- 1989**
- Assisted in production of construction documents for small to large scale iconic Miami projects (Lummus Park, Dinner Key Marina, Domino Park)
  - Irrigation design for several city parks
  - Assisted in DEP permit drawings on behalf of Shake-a-Leg for their first pier
  - Converted existing blueprints for all parks into digital format

**1986** Land Architekts// Boca Raton, FL  
Landscape Designer

- 1987**
- Assisted landscape architects in production of construction documents for 5 projects