



VICTORIA TAYLOR | Principal, VTLA Studio
Landscape Architect | MES MLA OALA CSLA

Victoria Taylor is principal/founder of VTLA Studio, a collaborative, creative design studio based in Picton, Prince Edward County. In collaboration with clients and community, Victoria seeks to reinterpret and add new meaning to our relationship to land and place through the design of built forms and living systems. VTLA's work is informed and inspired by site, ecology, hydrology, heritage, and horticultural possibilities. Engaging with land as a social, artistic and curatorial practice, VTLA brings client's vision to life by integrating broad, conceptual thinking with detailed design, 3-D visual representations, and technical drawing; pushing beyond superficial, aesthetic gestures to offer layers of delight and beauty through the use of place-appropriate materials and forms that enhance life for all.

Victoria practices as an explorer, investigator, grower, builder, and experimenter, combining artistic expression, natural systems enhancement, with functionality, public safety and infrastructural enhancement. Using the materials of the trade - soil, stone, steel, wood, plants, water, concrete, and light - her work dives deep to reveal new and hidden potentials to re-awaken each site for life. As a leader in the profession, she explores design as a tool to bring new meaning to the outdoor spaces we share.

EDUCATION

Indigenous Engagement Training: Moving Beyond Awareness
OALA with Michael Etherington (The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund)..... 2021
Indigenous Cultural Competency Native Canadian Centre
Toronto ON..... 2019
Master of Landscape Architecture University of Toronto 2009
Master of Environmental Studies York University, Toronto 1994
Bachelor of Commerce McGill University, Montreal 1988

EXPERIENCE

Founder / Principal, VTLA Studio.....2012-present
Co-founder / Co-curator, DeRAIL Platform for Art +
Architecture.....2015-present

Member, Natural Cover Group, subcommittee of
Environmental Advisory Committee, PEC Council2021-ongoing
Founding Member, ACO-PEC Architectural Conservancy of
Ontario, Prince Edward County Chapter.....2021-ongoing
Advisor to relocate/recontextualize 'Holding Court' (2015),
bronze statue of John A MacDonald, Picton ON.....2019-2020
Features writer, Ground Quarterly.....2015-present
Stewardship Committee, Friends of West Toronto Railpath,
Toronto ON.....2013-2021
Curator / Co-founder Grow Op: Urbanism, Landscape +
Contemporary Art Exhibition, The Gladstone Hotel...2013-2015
Editorial Board, Ground Quarterly2009-2012

TEACHING

Adjunct Instructor, John H. Daniels School of Architecture,
Landscape and Design, University of Toronto
Slow Landscape: To a new expression of place, Graduate Option
Studio 2021
Making for Placemaking, Graduate Seminar..... 2019
Art Site Urbanism, Graduate Option Studio2016

PROJECTS

Consulting independently, or part of multi-disciplinary team, projects include public, institutional, commercial landscapes, private gardens, custom furniture design, curatorial exhibitions, research, writing, and place-specific artworks.

COMMERCIAL / INSTITUTIONAL

Base 31 Picton, Ontario2022 - ongoing
Community Food Centres Canada, Toronto ON.....2021- ongoing
The Wellington Hotel, Wellington, ON.....2021- ongoing
Native Child + Family Services, Scarborough ON.....2020-2022
Thunder Woman Healing Lodge, Scarborough2019-2020
First Nations Technical Institute, Tyendinaga ON2018-ongoing
The Armoury, Picton ON.....2017-2019
Fifth Church of Christ Scientist, North York ON2013-2018
The Hub Child + Family Centre, Picton ON.....2013-2014
West End YMCA Roof Garden, Toronto ON2011-2012
Parks+Rec Roof Farm, Parkdale, Toronto ON2010-2012

PUBLIC

Join Our Herd by Department of Illumination with
DeRAIL, PEC Millennium Trail2021
Walking with Thunder by Conrad Beaubien with
DeRAIL PEC Millennium Trail2020-21
Pause Portal with DeRAIL, Stackt Market, Toronto2019
Maybe Its Better We Don't Know. Winter Lights Exhibition
Ontario Place, Toronto.....2018-2019
No Lot is Vacant EDIT: Expo for Design, Innovation + Technology
Former Unilever Factory, Toronto ON2017
Pause Platforms, West Toronto Railpath, Toronto2017
Public Laneway Puncture Demonstration Project
Ward 18, Toronto2016-2017
Perch Here, Grow Op, The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto 2016
Home Soil Horizon, Terroir Symposium. AGO, Toronto 2016
Ebb and Flow, Harbourfront Architecture Gallery, Toronto 2014