

Austin Allen approaches urban environments with works including the documentary “Claiming Open Spaces.” He has worked on disaster recovery in New Orleans since 2005 and in Haiti in 2010. Allen is a principal in the landscape architectural firm, Design Jones LLC, with Diane Jones Allen---recipients, 2016 ASLA Community Service Award.

Allen is the Interim Associate Dean of the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs and an Associate Professor of Practice in the School of Architecture, University of Texas at Arlington. Allen was Associate Professor at the Louisiana State University, School of Landscape Architecture. He was also Associate Professor/ Chair of Landscape Architecture at the University of Colorado Denver and an Associate Professor of Film/Communication at Cleveland State University.

Allen received the Distinguished Alumni Award in March 2017 from the College of Environmental Design at the University of California Berkeley. Work includes “Site of the Unseen: The Racial Gaming of American Landscapes,” in, Black Landscapes Matter by Walter Hood and Grace Mitchell Tada, 2020. He is a team member recipient of the S.O.M. Foundation Award for 2020, for work in Joppee, Garden of Eden and other Freedmen’s Towns in North Texas on the Trinity River.

Allen is on the Board for the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF). He is also a member of the Olmsted Council as an advocate for the Olmsted Network.