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Although the techniques, scales and products of her research vary, Czerniak's work focuses on the potentials of urban landscapes. Recent design research explores the relationship of design to biodiversity, advancing landscape as a protagonist in envisioning the complex relationship amongst animal species.

Czerniak's work as a designer is complemented by her work as educator and writer. *Large Parks* (Princeton Architectural Press) and *Case: Downsvie Park Toronto* (Prestel) focus on contemporary design approaches to public parks. *Formerly Urban: Projecting Rust Belt Futures* (Princeton Architectural Press) examines potential futures for deindustrializing cities. Czerniak lectures and teaches internationally, most recently as keynote at the *Australian Institute of Landscape Architects* annual meeting, as well as lectures at KU Leuven, Peking University and the Technion Israel Institute of Technology.