



Graham Young is a registered landscape architect with interest and experience in landscape architecture, urban design and environmental planning. He holds degrees in landscape architecture from the Universities of Toronto (BL) and Pretoria (ML). During his 40 years plus career, Graham has received numerous Institute of Landscape Architects of South Africa (ILASA) and other industry awards, including the ILASA Presidential Award (highest design accolade) for the Riverside Government Office Complex (with KWP) and Isivivane, Freedom Park Phase 1. Graham has written widely on landscape architectural issues and published locally and internationally in design journals and books. He recently retired from a 30 academic career, teaching landscape architecture and urban design at post and undergraduate levels at the University of Pretoria. Graham has been a visiting studio critic at the Universities of Witwatersrand, Cape Town and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Kenya). In 2011 he was invited to the University of Rhode Island, USA, as their Distinguished International Scholar. A 'niche' speciality is Visual Impact Assessments, for which he received an ILASA Merit Award in 2009. He is a Fellow of ILASA, and in 2022 he was awarded its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Graham currently practises as a sole proprietor. The entity (GYLA) is a Level Four (4) Contributor and has 100% B-BBEE procurement recognition. He is the managing editor of the online journal, the African Journal of Landscape Architecture (<https://www.ajlajournal.org/>) and President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects, Africa Region.

EXPERIENCE

2016 - Current **GRAHAM A YOUNG LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT (GYLA) - *Sole proprietor***

Independent landscape architectural consultant and visual impact specialist.

1991 – 2019 **SENIOR LECTURER: DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE, UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**

Graham developed and coordinated the BSc Landscape Architecture programme. He taught first-year earth science, third-year landscape design theory and studio and landscape urbanism to honours students. He also mentored master's students.

Graham Young's research interests within the context of South African landscape architecture include urban ecology, landscape as narrative, landscape urbanism and visual impact assessment. His ML thesis is, *'A critical analysis of the relationship between commemoration, identity and landscape design in Post-Apartheid South Africa, Isivivane, Freedom Park, a case study.*

- 1994 - 2016 **NEWTOWN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS cc. *Founding Member***
- Responsible for project management, landscape design, urban design, and visual impact assessment.
- 1991 - 1994 **GRAHAM A YOUNG LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT - *Sole proprietor***
- 1988 - 1989 Designed major transit and CBD-based urban design schemes, commercial and recreational landscapes and a regional urban park. He participated in inter-disciplinary consulting teams that produced master plans for various beachfront areas in KwaZulu Natal and a mountain resort in the Drakensberg.
- 1989 - 1991 **CANADA - *Free Lance***
- Designed golf courses and conducted feasibility studies (Robert Heaslip and Associates); developed landscape site plans and an end-use plan for an abandoned mine (du Toit, Allsopp and Hillier); conducted a visual analysis of a proposed landfill site.
- 1980 - 1988 **KDM (FORMERLY DAMES AND MOORE)**
- Started as a Senior Landscape Architect and was appointed Partner in charge of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning in 1984. Designed commercial, corporate and urban landscapes; completed landscape site plans; developed end-use master plans for urban parks, college and technikon sites; carried out ecological planning studies for factories, motorways and a railway line.
- 1978 - 1980 **DAYSON & DE VILLIERS - *Staff Landscape Architect***
- Designed various caravan parks; designed a recreation complex for a public resort; conducted a visual analysis for the recreation planning of Pilgrims Rest; and designed and supervised the installation of various private gardens.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BL), University of Toronto, Canada

Master of Landscape Architecture (ML), University of Pretoria, South Africa

PROFESSIONAL

Registered Landscape Architect – South African Council for Landscape Architectural Profession (2001 - Present)
No. 87001

Board of Control for Landscape Architects of South Africa (1987 - 2000) – Vice Chairman 1988 to 1989

Professional Member and Fellow - ILASA (1982 to present) – President 1986 - 1988

International Federation of Landscape Architects Africa (IFLA Africa): Secretary General 2012 – 2020 and
President 2020 - Present

South African Council for Landscape Architecture (SACLAP): Member Education Committee 2010 - 2016

AWARDS

ILASA Lifetime Achievement Award (2022)

The African Journal of Landscape Architecture: ILASA Merit Award – Research, technology and publications (2022)

The African Landscape Network: ILASA Merit Award - Research, technology and publications (2022)

The Commons, Muckleneuk: ILASA Award Commendation (2019)

//hapo Freedom Park: ILASA Merit Award – with NLA (2013)

Intermediate Phase (S'khumbuto, Moshate and Uitspanplek), Freedom Park: ILASA Merit Award with NLA (2009)

Corniche Bay Resort, Mauritius: ILASA Merit Award with NLA and GreenInc (2009)

Torsanlorenzo International Prize, Landscape design and protection 2nd Prize Section B: Urban Green Spaces, for Intermediate Phase Freedom Park with NLA and GreenInc (2009)

Phase 1 and Intermediate Phase Freedom Park: Loerie Awards Gold Statue with NLA (2008)

Phase 1 and Intermediate Phase Freedom Park: Special Mention World Architecture Festival, Nature Category with NLA (2008)

Moroka Park Precinct, Soweto: ILASA Merit Award for Design (2005) and Gold Medal United Nations Liveable Communities (LivCom) Award with NLA (2007)

Isivivane, Freedom Park: ILASA Presidential Award of Excellence Design with NLA (2005)

Information Kiosk, Freedom Park: ILASA Merit Award for Design with NLA (2005)

Moroka – Mofola Open Space Framework, Soweto: ILASA Merit Award for Planning with NLA (2005)

Mpumalanga Provincial Government Complex: ILASA Presidential Award of Excellence with KWP Landscape Architects for Design (2003)

Specialist Impact Report: Visual Environment, Sibaya Resort and Entertainment World: ILASA Merit Award for Environmental Planning with NLA (1999)

Gillooly's Farm, Bedfordview: ILASA Merit Award for Design (1991)

COMPETITIONS

Johannesburg Inner City Park Design competition – with MMA architects (2009) Finalist- considered the winning entry with "the strongest concept."

Pan African Parliament International Design competition – with MMA architects (2007) Finalist

Leeuwpan Regional Wetland Park for the Ekurhuleni Metro Municipality (2004) Landscape Architectural Consultant on Department of Trade and Industries Building (2002) – Finalist

Landscape Architecture Consultant on Project Phoenix Architectural Competition, Pretoria (1999): Winner

Mpumalanga Legislature Buildings (1998): Commissioned

Toyota Fountain (1985): First Prize - commissioned

Bedfordview Bike/Walkway System - Van Buuren Road (1982): First Prize -commissioned

Portland Cement Institute Display Park (1982): Second Prize

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Contributor in Walmsley, B. (ed), *Impact Assessment Case Studies from Southern Africa*, South African Institute for Environmental Assessment, Namibia (2009):

http://www.saiea.com/case_studies09/07%20PeakingPowerPlant.pdf *Visual Impact Assessment of a Peaking Power Plant, KwaZuluNatal.*

Contributor in Joubert, O, *10 Years + 100 Buildings – Architecture in a Democratic South Africa* Bell-Roberts Gallery and Publishing, South Africa (2009)

Freedom Park Phase 1 and Intermediate Phase (NBGM), Pretoria, Gauteng.

Contributor in Galindo, M, *Collection Landscape Architecture*, Braun, Switzerland (2009)

Freedom Park Phase Intermediate Phase (NBGM), Pretoria, Gauteng.

Contributor in Van Ueffelen, C. *1000 X Landscapes*, Verlagshaus Braun, Germany (2008)

Freedom Park Phase 1 and Intermediate Phase (NBGM), Pretoria, Gauteng; *Riverside Government Complex* (NLAKWP), Nelspruit, Mpumalanga; *Moroka Dam Parks Precinct*, Soweto, Gauteng.

Contributor in *Johannesburg: Emerging/Diverging Metropolis*, Mendrision Academy Press, Italy (2007) *Moroka Dam Parks Precinct*, Soweto, Gauteng.

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Contributor in Malan, C. and McInerney, P (eds) *The Making of an African Building. The Mpumalanga Provincial Government Complex*, Johannesburg MPTS Architectural Library, Johannesburg (2001) *Riverside Government Complex* (KWPNLA), Nelspruit, Mpumalanga

And numerous publications in industry journals.

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