

THOMAS CHARNEY

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I am driven to pursue a career in landscape architecture by my foundational passions for botany, environmental psychology, and Japanese language and culture. Designs that are sensitive to human needs and ecology and developed from the lens of multiple cultures are of great interest to me.

EXPERIENCE

MAY 2023 – JULY 2023

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE INTERN, TAKANO LANDSCAPE PLANNING

(Hokkaido, Japan) Assisted staff with ongoing projects through tasks such as: conceptualization, physical modelling, digital modelling, site analysis, and Japanese language translation.

MAY 2022 – AUGUST 2022

FIELD CREW INTERN KURISU LLC

(Portland, Oregon) Worked directly with Japanese national gardeners and communicated in Japanese to install authentic traditional Japanese gardens.

SEPTEMBER 2021 – MAY 2023

LANDSCAPE MODELING ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(Ann Arbor, Michigan) Modeled the built environment and natural features for the Land.Info Project

MAY 2021 – AUGUST 2021

LANDSCAPE INTERN, CREATING SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES LLC

(Novi, Michigan) Provided sustainable landscape services through matrix planting, rain garden installation, invasive plant removal, and design through AutoCAD

EDUCATION

APRIL 2023

MASTER'S OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- Student Chapter ASLA First Year Representative (2020-21), Student Government Liaison (2021-22), and President (2022-23)
- Center for Japanese Studies Fellowship (2022-2023 academic year)
- Academic Merit Fellowship (2020-2021 academic year)

AUGUST 2019

B.S. IN PLANT AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

- Minor in Japanese