

Matthew Anthony Stephens

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Education

Melbourne University, Trinity College, Melbourne, Australia Permaculture Design Certification (72 hour course) Conferred by founder Bill Mollison and teacher Geoff Lawton	September 2009
Howard University, Washington, D.C. B.M. With concentration in Jazz Studies and Piano Performance	September 1996-May 2001
Columbia College, Chicago, IL Acquired 100-plus hours of electronic music lab and completed 24 credit hours of film, philosophy and visual art coursework	June 1994-May 1996
Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL Completed coursework in Piano, Electronic Music, Classical Voice, Linguistics, Cultural Anthropology	January 1995-May 1996
Treekeepers Tree Care Certification, Morton Arboretum	2016
Independent Study, Sapa, Vietnam	June 2009-July 2009
Independent Study, Benaue and Batad, Philippines Rice Farming and Terrace Systems	
Pond Design, Independent Study with Pongsak Chankom in Northeast Thailand	

Work Experience

<i>Permaculture Designer, Consultant</i>	September 2009-Present
Permaculture Metaverse https://www.permaculturemetaverse.com	2021-Present
Global Permaculture Network https://www.permaculturegaiainetwork.org	2021-Present
Permaculture Gaia https://www.permaculturegaia.org	2020-Present
Oregon Food Forest Project	May 2019-May 2020
Chicago's Third Food Forest (59 th and Perry)	March 2016-March 2019
Nichols Park Community Garden (55 th , Hyde Park Chicago)	2015

Chicago's Second Food Forest May 2015-September 2015

South Shore Windsor Park Bicycle Cooperative
<https://www.southshorebicyclecooperative.org>

South Shore Windsor Park Community Garden

Chicago's First Food Forest - (51st and Cottage Grove, Bronzeville) March 2015-March 2016
Designer, Manager, Community Outreach Organizer, Installer, Builder, Educator
<https://www.chicagofoodforest.com>

Cheryl Ann Williamson's Permaculture Forest Garden June 2012-May 2019

Permaculture Institute of Chicago 2013-Present
<https://www.permacultureinstituteofchicago.com>

Xochiquetzal Peace Garden, Chicago, IL March 2011-September 2016

- Consult with Irene Vitullo about integrating Permaculture Design Concepts in to the city's oldest community garden.
- Created signage for Paseo de Jardines (2011/2012) an annual event at Pilsan Garden Walk.

Resource Center, City Farm (Washington Park), Chicago, IL June 2012

- Installed 2x50m raised beds and woodchip walkways for “Garbage Warrior” Ken Dunn.
- Organized different types of wood for burning and compost.
- Removed non-compostable materials from compost heap.

First Unitarian Church of Chicago, Chicago, IL June 2011

- Performed non-chemical based pest control.
- Design, install, and manage shade garden and drip irrigation systems.
- Maintain garden and grounds bi-weekly

Permaculture Gaia Network November 2010-Present
Designer, Founder, Director

Tagari Farms (Bill Mollison)-Tazmania, Australia September 2010-October 2010

- Weeded, planted bulbs, moved and spread compost, and installed gravel walkway in gardens.
- Harvested chicken eggs and fed pigs and horses.
- Pulled reference material for book Bill was writing on chapters pertaining to the use of hand tools.

Moon River Lodge

- Earthworks & Terrace Construction, Permaculture Designer

Chicago Honey Cooperative-Part Time

April 2007-December 2010

- Gardener, Permaculture Design Consultant

Music Production and Engineering

Rax Trax Recording Freelance Recording Producer & Mixing Engineer

Blue Soul Studios, LLC

- COO, Founder – Independent Music Production Company

HR-57 Jazz Preservation Center, Washington, D.C.

- Sound Reinforcement Engineer

Howard University, Department of Jazz Studies

- Sound Reinforcement Engineer

Music Education and Youth Outreach

Hyde Park School of Dance, Chicago, IL

Ballet Accompanist/RecitalPianist

Loyola University-Marketing Director and Youth Outreach Coordinator

40th Anniversary of the Chicago Freedom Movement Conference

The Hip-Hop DJ/Remix Project, Chicago, IL

- Taught youth music production, mathematics, science, and techniques of self-education.
- Worked with students at Crane, Cook, Barton, Michelle Clark, Clemente, Westside Alternatives, Prologue and Chicago Teachers Center(Northeastern Illinois University)

World Folk Music Company, Chicago, IL

- Piano/Guitar Instructor

Chicago Teachers Center – Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois

- Adventure Education/Teambuilding Facilitator.
- Worked with groups of 10-25 youth to develop learning and cooperative skills.

Calvary Multicultural Bilingual Learning Center, Washington, D.C.

- Youth Counselor
- Worked with middle school students facilitating art, music, and recreational activities

D.C. Department of Parks & Recreation – Lederer Youth Garden, Washington, D.C.

Assistant Director – Camp Natural Fun Summer Youth Program

Permaculture Design Certification Courses

72 Hour PDC, British Columbia (Kelowna)	2015 June
72 Hour PDC, British Columbia (Maple Ridge)	2016 August
72 Hour PDC, Raliegh, North Carolina	2016
72 Hour PDC, Tennessee	2017
72 Hour PDC, Delaware	2017
72 Hour PDC, Delaware	2017
72 Hour PDC, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	2018
72 Hour PDC, South Chicago, Chicago, IL	2019
72 Hour PDC Oregon	2019
72 Hour PDC, Ashland Oregon	2020

Online Permaculture Design Certification Courses

72 Hour PDC	2020
72 Hour PDC	2020
72 Hour PDC	2020
72 Hour PDC	2020
72 Hour PDC	2021
72 Hour PDC	2021
72 Hour PDC	2021
72 Hour PDC	2021
72 Hour PDC	2022

Introduction to Permaculture Courses

Hyde Park Art Center	
Blackstone Public Library	
Blackstone Public Library	
International Permaculture Convergence India 2017 – Aranya Agricultural Alternatives	
Online – Pakistan	
Pennsylvania	2017
Berkeley California ,Ashby Community Garden	2017
First Unitarian Church, Chicago	2017

Herb Spirals

Beverly (Cheryl Ann Williamso)	2015
Hyde Park (Common Threads World Garden)	2015
South Carolina	2016
Pennsylvania (Stonehedge Gardens)	2016
Pasadena (The Shed)	2016
Pennsylvania (Stonehedge Gardens)	2017
Berkeley California (Asby Community Garden)	2017
Berkeley California (Bonnie Borucki)	2017
Genting Highlands, Malaysia	2018
Chicago Windsor Park Community Garden	2019
Chicago	

Chicago, West Side, Kuumba Community Garden	2021
Beverly (Cheryl Ann Williamson Rebuild)	2021
Malaysia	2022

Other Courses

Chicago Cultural Center	2014
Westside place x 2	
Blackstone Library	2012
Blackstone Library	2012
One Earth Film Festival	2016
Black Permaculture Guild Chicago	2020
Oregon Public Library	2019
Oregon Public Library	2019
Garfield Park Conservatory – Chicago Park District	2019
Herb Spiral Workshop – CAWFG	2014
Herb Spiral Workshop – Pennsylvania	2016
Herb Spiral Workshop – Pennsylvania	2017
Herb Spiral Workshop – Malaysia	2022
Free Friday Lecture Series at the Permaculture Institute of Chicago	2020
Community Organizing for Urban Permaculture – Pasadena	2016
CCGA – Food Forest	2016
Chicago Permaculture Conference – (Permaculture Institute of Chicago)	2021
North American Permaculture Conference and Convergence	2016
Pennsylvania Permaculture Convergence	2016
Food Forest Design (Pennsylvania)	2017
Introduction to Forest Gardening	2017
Vegan Mania (Panel)	2016
International Permaculture Convergence	2017

Other Permaculture Design Consultant Jobs

Hyde Park (Back yard garden redesign)
Chicago Suburbs (Back and front yard garden consultation)
Chicago Suburbs (Back yard garden design)
Chicago North Side (front and back lawn)
Malaysia (Genting Highlands)
Berkeley California
Montana (20 acre Hobby Farm Ranch)
Chicago Heights (8 acre farm)
Malaysia (8 acre durian farm)

Computer Proficiency

Basic HTML
Open Office
Affinity Designer, Publisher, Photo
Facebook Groups and Pages

Audio Production – Logic Audio, Mixx, MPC Studio

Open Source – Gephi, OBS, Open Office, LibreOffice, Open Simulator

Website Hosting Administration

Google - Google Sheets, Google Docs

Miro