

JASON A. STRAKA

EXPERIENCE

Principal | 2012 – Present
Fry/Straka Global Golf Course Design, LLC., Dublin, Ohio

Senior Golf Course Architect | 1995 – 2012
Hurdzan/Fry Environmental Golf Course Design, Inc., Columbus, Ohio

Golf Course Construction Associate | 1994 – 1995
McDonald & Sons, Inc., Jessup, Maryland

Golf Course Greenskeeper | 1990 – 1992
Avalon South Golf Course, Warren, Ohio

Turfgrass Research Technician | 1993
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

EDUCATION

Master of Professional Studies – Agriculture
Turfgrass Management and Environmental Golf Course Design Studies
Cornell University | 1995

Bachelor of Science – Landscape Architecture
Cornell University | 1994

Continuing Education Program
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America | 1999 – 2008

Advanced Golf Course Design and Management Short Course
The Ohio State University | 1996

AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA)
- Executive Committee Member (2018 – 2023; President 2021-2022), Education Committee Chairman (2012-2018), Task Force Liaison to the Golf Environmental Organization (GEO), past Board of Governors (3-year term)

Ohio Turfgrass Foundation (OTF)
- Executive Committee Member (2015 – 2019), President (2017 - 2018), Board of Directors (9-year trustee term)

Ohio Turfgrass Research Trust (OTRT)
- Current Board of Directors

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)
- Former Faculty and Member

United States Golf Association

Golf Course Builders Association of America
- Former Member

Keepers of the Green-St. Andrews, Scotland
- Founding Life Member

Alpha Gamma Rho Agricultural Fraternity
- Alumnus, Centennial Convention Steering Committee

Various Cornell University Alumni Associations

Saint Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church; The Knights of Columbus

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Environmental Specialization
Agronomic / Maintenance Background
Intense Construction Involvement
Construction Background
Team Approach to Design
Extensive Industry Leadership
Educational Program Development
Expert Legal Witness

AWARDS

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Top 100 Architects Worldwide | 2019
Golf Inc.

Presidential Citation | 2016
Recognized for Leadership
American Society of Golf Course Architects

Golf Course Design Firm of the Year | 2013
The BoardRoom Magazine and Club Managers Association of America

Golf's 40 Under 40 | 2010
Most Influential People
Golf Magazine

"40 Under 40" Honoree | 2007
Outstanding Career Achievement and Community Involvement
Columbus Business First Newspaper

WRITING CONTRIBUTIONS

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Golf Course Architecture (U.K.), Golf Course News, Daily Fee Golf, PGA Tour, Golf Web, Golf Financing, PricewaterhouseCoopers, GreenMaster, Canada Golf Guide, Asian Golf Business Magazine, and a host of others

CONTACT INFORMATION

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INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Donald Ross Society: Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker | 2019

Profile Products® International Distributor's Conference: Guest Instructor on Environmental Golf Course Design | 2017

Marriott® International GolfCON Leadership Conference: Guest Instructor on Risk Management | 2016; Guest Instructor on Improving Playability | 2016

International Right-of-Way Association: Guest Instructor on Golf Course Design | 2016

European Institute of Golf Course Architects: Guest Instructor of Vocational Qualification Course | 2012 – 2013

Ontario Golf Superintendents Association: Guest Instructor on Environmental Golf Course Design | 2012; Guest Instructor on 'The Relationship of the Golf Course Architect and Construction Superintendents' | 2004

Portuguese Greenskeeper's Association: Guest Instructor on Environmental Golf Course Design and Management | 2011

Brazilian Golf Confederation: Guest Instructor on Environmental Golf Course Design and Management | 2011

Canadian Golf Superintendents Association: Guest Instructor on Golf and the Environment | 2006, 2009; Guest Instructor on Golf Course Construction | 2005

The Golf Management Institute of Canada: Guest Instructor on Environmental Golf Course Design | 2007

Kyungwon University (Seoul, South Korea): Guest Instructor for Week-long Professional Short Course on Golf Course Architecture, Graduate School of Industry and Environment | 2005

The University of Idaho: Guest Instructor for Week-long Professional Short Course for Korean Professionals | 2004

Canadian International Golf Business Conference: Guest Instructor on 'The Evolution of Course Design and Renovation' | 1998

ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT

The Ohio State University: Adjunct Professor and Lecturer, Principal Instructor of 'Golf Course Design' (3 to 5 credits), Department of Landscape Architecture and Department of Horticulture and Crop Science | 2002 – 2011; Guest Instructor of Turfgrass Management Classes | 2001 – 2016; Guest Instructor on Environmental Golf Design for Global Management Workshop | 2007, 2011

University of Guelph: Special Graduate Faculty for School of Landscape Architecture | 2003

Purdue University: Guest Instructor of Two-day Golf Course Design Seminar | 2001

University of Massachusetts: Professional Advisor for Graduate Student in Department of Landscape Architecture | 1999

Lakehead University: Professional Advisor for Student in Department of Civil Engineering | 1999

Delhi State University: Guest Instructor on Golf Course Construction | 1997 – 1998

Cornell University: Guest Instructor of 'Golf Course Design' (3 credits), Department of Landscape Architecture | 1996

DOMESTIC ENGAGEMENTS

Hawaii Golf Industry Conference: Guest Speaker on Innovative Design Ideas to Address Market Trends | 2019

GCSAA / Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards: Judge | Ad Hoc

The English-Speaking Union: Guest Speaker on Evolution of Golf Course Design | 2019

U.S. Department of Justice; Environmental Defense Section / U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Expert Witness | 2014 – 2015

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America: Guest Instructor on Environmental Golf Course Design | 2001, 2004, 2007, 2014

FarmLinks Research and Demonstration Golf Course: Primary Instructor on Golf Course Design and Maintenance, Business of Agronomy Program | 2011 – 2012

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America: Co-Instructor of Risk Management Seminar | 2006 – 2010

Ohio Turfgrass Foundation: Guest Instructor on Golf Course Design and its Impact on Maintenance | 2007

Northern Ohio Golf Association: Guest Instructor on Golf Course Design and Renovation | 2000 – 2006

National Golf Foundation: Guest Instructor on Golf Course Design and Renovation | 2005

U.S. District Court: Jury Service | 2004; Franklin County Common Pleas Court: Jury Service | 2000

Garden Club of America: Guest Instructor, Philadelphia Chapter | 2000; Dayton/Cincinnati Chapter | 2001

Miami Valley Golf Association and Dayton District Women's Golf Association: Guest Instructor on Environmental Golf Course Design | 2000

Golf Course Owners Association of America: Guest Instructor on Golf Course Design and Construction, Ohio Chapter | 1997

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Avid outdoor enthusiast including golfing, fishing, hunting, camping, canoeing and skiing.