

# 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)  
- Former Board of Directors

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

Samuel I. Russell Turfgrass Scholarship Foundation  
- Current Board of Directors

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  
- Current Scholarship Committee, Annual Scholarship Golf Outing Co-Chair

## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Environmental Specialization  
Agronomic & Maintenance Background  
Construction Background  
Intense Construction Involvement  
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.