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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

This collections include the architectural drawings of Diana Balmori, landscape architect and design principal of Balmori Associates. It also includes schematic and construction drawings and presentation boards for three design projects.

### Creator

Balmori, Diana

### Extent

2 Cubic Feet 12 oversize folders

## Repository

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## Source of Acquisition

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## Processing Information

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# Biographical Note

Diana Balmori founded the design firm Balmori Associates, Inc. in 1990 and currently holds the position of Design Principal. She also holds an appointment at the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and was the partner for landscape at Cesar Pelli and Associates from 1984 to 1990. Balmori did her undergraduate work in architecture at the University of Tucuman in Argentina, received her Ph.D in Urban history with highest honors from the University of California, Los Angeles and studied landscape design at Radcliffe College.

Balmori Associates was started primarily as a design firm with significant background and expertise in the design of landscapes. The firm's primary goal has been to combine artistic design with ecological principles. Balmori Associates has since then been able to adopt this design strategy to almost all their projects from the Prairie Waterway in Farmington, Minnesota to the landscape for 20 River Terrace in New York - the nation's first "Green" apartment building. Since founding the firm in 1990, Balmori Associates' work has been recognized in many publications and museum exhibits and has received numerous awards.

# Scope and Content

The collection consists of drawings, sketches, and presentation boards related to Diana Balmori's work, with her firm Balmori Associates, on three landscape design projects. Projects include commissions for the courtyard design for the Humanities and Social Sciences Building at the University of California, Riverside, the master plan for Loring Park in Minneapolis, Minnesota and the courtyard and landscape design for the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University in New Jersey. All the projects were completed in the period from 1990 to 1996.

# Keywords

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically by project.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Humanities and Social Sciences Building, University of California, Riverside**

**Unit Date** 1991-1995

**oversize** 1-3 (folder)

**oversize** 9-12 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Schematic designs, studies, plans, and presentation boards for campus courtyard design.

### **Loring Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**Unit Date** 1994

**oversize** 4 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Plans, schematic drawings, elevations, and land use pattern for master plan.

### **Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University**

**Unit Date** 1990-1992

**oversize** 5-8 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Elevations, plans, sections, details, and presentation boards for courtyard and landscape design.