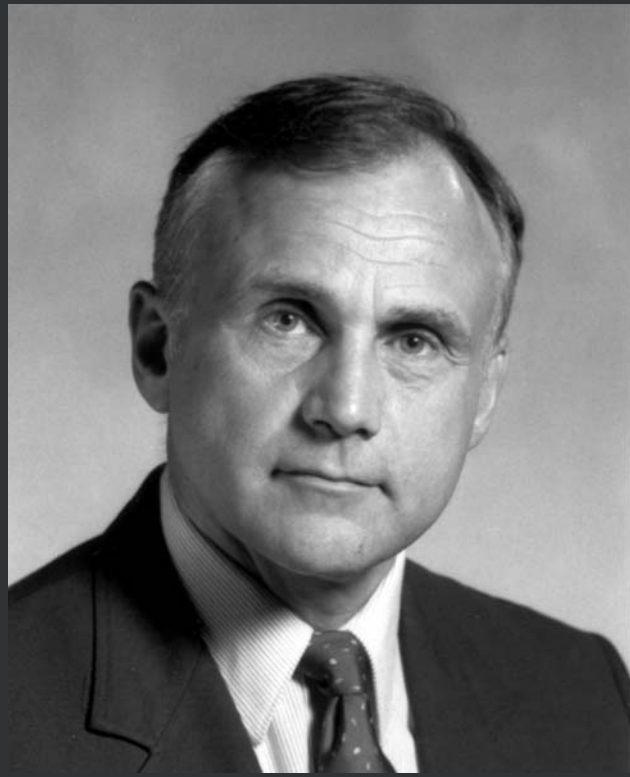


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Roger was born in Minnesota and received his Bachelor of Science in Horticulture at the University of Minnesota in 1958 before completing his Master of Landscape Architecture degree at Harvard University under Hideo Sasaki. In 1961, he was awarded the Prix De Rome Fellowship to the American Academy in Rome and spent two years in Rome studying land developments and urban spaces in Europe. Following several years as an Assistant Professor at the College of Environmental Design at Berkeley Campus of the University of California with Garrett Eckbo, Roger was asked to develop degree studies in Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota and moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1966.

Under Roger's direction, during the 15 years from 1966 – 1977, and 1983 – 1987, the program grew to 150 students and six full-time faculty members. During this time, he also served as a teaching faculty member focusing on instruction in design, theory and history. During over 35 years of teaching, he taught all the subject areas within the program but most recently focused on applications of cognitive psychology of developing creativity skills and perception manipulation in the design of exterior place.

Roger was one of the founders of InterDesign, Inc. in 1969, an interdisciplinary design firm focused on creative problem solving within a group format. The work of the office from 1969 to 1984 includes many campus master plans, urban plazas and recreational facilities, as well as regional land use and visual assessments. Some of the more significant projects completed with his participation on design teams include the ASLA award winning plan for the Minnesota Zoological Garden, the renovation of over 50 miles of Minneapolis Parkway System and the development of the central riverfront in Minneapolis. From 1984 – 1998, he was a partner in Martin and Pitz Associates, Landscape Architects working on a diverse group of urban design studies and site plans with Marjorie Pitz.

Roger completed one year's work for the Centre for Environmental Studies at the University of Melbourne Australia in 1980. During his stay, he helped develop the master of Landscape Architecture degree program and consulted on urban and regional design projects. This study plus a sabbatical lecture trip to Japan have added to his collection of over 50,000 slides focused on quality site development. Roger has served on numerous state and national ASLA committees and offices, and following completing two terms as Trustee of the Minnesota Chapter of ASLA, he was elected national president for 1987. He has lectured throughout the United States and published research reports and numerous papers in professional journals on various subjects in landscape architecture. Roger received the Bradford Williams Medal given by the ASLA for outstanding professional papers in 1968 and 1969.

Roger married Janis Ann Kloss in 1962 and has three sons, Thomas born in Italy, Stephen born in California and Jonathan born in Minnesota. He currently enjoys his five grandchildren and two great grandchildren while spending more time at the family's 70-acre nature preserve in Wisconsin. He is currently a Professor Emeritus of the Department of Landscape Architecture and collaboratively teaches at least one course per year.



Minnesota Zoo Master Plan, 1971 - Apple Valley, MN



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