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EDUCATION

Harvard University
Frederick C. Sheldon Fellow
1958

Harvard University
Graduate School of Design
Master of City Planning
1957

United States Army
1953 -1955

Brooklyn College
B. A. Design (Honors)
1953

Tredyffrin-Easttown High School
Berwyn, Pennsylvania, Graduate

St. Stephen's School
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Diploma

Honored by peers as the dean of American campus planning, Senior Consultant at Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc, Richard P. Dober has served as a planning and design advisor to over 400 colleges, schools, universities, cultural, and scientific institutions, foundations, and government agencies worldwide.

In the United States his client list is as diverse as higher education itself, and includes seven Ivy League universities, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University, forty-five of the fifty top-rated liberal arts colleges, the United States Coast Guard Academy, and other public and independent institutions in thirty-nine states. Overseas, he has prepared campus and facility plans for new and expanding universities and schools in Africa, Canada, Central America, Mexico, Lithuania, Malaysia, Micronesia, the Middle East, South Korea, Pakistan, Turkey and Spain. After the Cultural Revolution, the People's Republic of China commissioned him (1986) to conduct workshops and training sessions on campus development and to advise on expansion plans for universities in Beijing and Shanghai. He returned in 2003 to conduct planning reviews for fifteen additional campuses throughout China. His most recent assignment was the preparation of a strategic restoration plan for Vilnius University, Lithuania's 16th century heritage campus.

Dober has applied campus planning and design methodologies (a combination of townscape, civic design, environmental design, and strategic planning) to a wide-range of consultancies other than higher education. His consulting assignments have included: The Art Institute of Chicago; Chapin School (N.Y); Hockaday School (Texas); Illinois State Capital Area Plan (Springfield Illinois); Marblehead, Massachusetts Town Plan; Massachusetts General Hospital; Middlesex School (Massachusetts); Mille Lacs Indian Reservation Heritage Center (Minnesota); National Radiation Laboratory Site Enhancement Plan (Oak Ridge, Tennessee); Old Sturbridge Village; Peabody Museum (Yale University); Phillips Exeter Academy, (New Hampshire); Rockefeller Archive Center (New York); Rhode Island Hospital; Saint Bede's Abbey and School (Illinois), Sylvester Cancer Treatment and Research Center (University of Miami Medical School); The Minnesota History Center; The St. Paul Seminary; The Wenner-Gren Anthropology Institute (Vienna, Austria), and The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

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His work in the 1960's with a group of historically Black Colleges and Universities led him into contact with Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights movement. After Dr. King's death Dober was commissioned by Dr. King's family and friends to prepare the concept plan for Dr. King's memorial, burial site, and study center in Atlanta, Georgia.

A founder of the Society for College and University Planning, Dober has held short-term academic, administrative and research appointments at Harvard University, Iowa State University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Illinois as well lecturing at numerous other institutions and professional societies. He has served as grants review consultant to a number of foundations supporting higher education. As a member of UNESCO's Committee on Museum Architecture and Technology he devised a museum space planning taxonomy and facility planning process (an adaptation of his campus development methods with particular attention to heritage facilities) which was subsequently published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office (1991).

Dober was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his undergraduate degree (B. A. with Honors in Design) from Brooklyn College, where his teachers included Burgoyne Diller, Ad Reinhart, Mark Rothko, and colleagues of Le Corbusier, Martin James and Stamos Papydecki. After service in the United States Army during the Korean War he completed his professional training at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, and was awarded the University's Frederick C. Sheldon Traveling Fellowship. While a student at Harvard he was a member of Kevin's Lynch's Form of the City research group at MIT.

Dober's six books *Campus Planning*, *Campus Design*, *Campus Architecture*, *Campus Landscape*, *Campus Heritage*, and *Old Main* are considered benchmark references. In addition he has edited forty-one books on planning, environmental and community design, and written numerous journal articles and reviews. In the 1970's he was the American correspondent for Building magazine, Great Britain's oldest architectural journal. Brooklyn College presented him with its Distinguished Alumni medal in 1992. Married, two children, five grandchildren.