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Professional Profile: Alison Richardson 2015

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Name: Alison Richardson

Title: Principal, Landscape Architect

Company: Brown Richardson + Rowe, Inc.

Location: 3 Post Office Sq., Boston, Mass.

Place of birth: Wilson Farm, Needham, Mass.

Family: Husband Kenneth and daughter Emilie

College: Barnard College; U. Wisconsin-Madison BSLA with Honors, 1976.

First job unrelated to your current field: CafÃ© at Children's Hospital in Boston at 16.

First job in current field: Sasaki Associates, a firm of landscape architects, architects and engineers in Watertown, Mass.

What your firm does now and its plans for the future? Brown Richardson +Rowe, Inc. is a design firm of landscape architects and planners focusing on public work: waterfront parks, playgrounds, colleges, transportation and housing + historic preservation.

Hobbies: Gardening, hiking, swimming, reading, music. Volunteer at the Boston Architectural College. Member of Arnold Arboretum and Boston Athenaeum.

Favorite novel: Great Expectations, by Charles Dickens.

Favorite film(s): 'To Kill a Mockingbird', 'Citizen Kane', 'Mrs. Miniver'.

Keys to success: Talent, passion, curiosity, empathy, luck, perseverance.

Person(s) you most admire (outside of family); Abraham Lincoln.

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? Poet, Broadway musical star, set designer or sheep farmer