

# **Michael Veracka**

**Professor, Urban Horticulture & Design at Farmingdale State College**

Farmingdale, NY, US

Professor Veracka is a licensed landscape architect, and creator of the college's Sustainable Garden.

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## **Biography**

Michael Veracka is an Associate Professor within the Department of Urban Horticulture & Design at Farmingdale State College. Since joining Farmingdale in September 2006, Michael's teaching projects demonstrate how everyday students, working together, can help solve our global environmental problems, while simultaneously making the Farmingdale campus and our local communities a better place. Michael's courses engage his students in multiple opportunities to practice skills learned in real-world settings, preparing students to enter the work force or graduate school equipped for success. Michael's teaching philosophy is centered on the premise that knowledge and skills learned in the classroom are enriched when applied in a hands-on, real-world environment outside the classroom. Within his classes applied-learning opportunities abound.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Landscaping, Design

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Landscape Design, Plants and Trees, Landscape Preservation, Landscape Construction

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## **Event Appearances**

**Expert witness, Court Case Concerning Monopodial Running Bamboo**  
Court Case

**?Designing Landscapes with NYC's the High Line in Mind.?**

Lecture for the Sands Point Garden Club

**?Re-imagining Your Landscape.?**

Sundays in the Garden Distinguished Speaker Series of Clark Botanic Garden

**?Bamboo in Northeastern Landscapes - a Walking Tour.?**

The North Shore Land Alliance and Humes Japanese Stroll Garden

**?The Louisa Clark Spencer Moonlight Garden.?**

Fiftieth Anniversary Garden Gala of Clark Botanic Garden,

## **?A Bamboo Identification Workshop.?**

New York Natural Heritage Program

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### **Education**

**Providence College**

BA English

**Rhode Island School of Design**

Masters Landscape Architecture

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### **Accomplishments**

#### **Micro-credential Development: Sustainable Horticulture**

Authored and spearheaded the development of a Horticulture Department four-course sequence for the establishment of a micro-credential in Sustainable Horticulture. The micro-credential in Sustainable Horticulture provides enrolled students ? future landscape professionals - the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, expertise and commitment to the profession, and society at large.

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