Mark Taylor knew early in life that he wanted to be a landscape architect. He earned his BS in Landscape Architecture from UK in 1996, and decided to put down roots in Denver, Colorado. As Principal and Project Manager for Architerra Group Landscape Architecture, a firm he started with his business partner in 1999, he and his team have had the pleasure of creating unique and beloved spaces within the public environment.

“Our firm’s mission is to do public work, including parks, trails, and stream restoration,” he said, “In Denver, there is a lot of erosion, so we help restore those natural systems.”

Architerra’s work has contributed to the extensive park and trail system throughout Denver and the Colorado Front Range. Some of their better-known projects include the Denver Skatepark, The Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Confluence Park, Globeville Landing Park, Village Greens North Park, Huntington-Caley Park, and High Note Regional Park. They have designed miles of trails and stream restoration along regional trail networks including the Cherry Creek Trail, the South Platte River Trail, and the East-West Regional Trail.

Over the years, Taylor has stayed in touch with his UK family and serves on the Landscape Architecture advisory board. In November 2022, he had the chance to tour the Gray Design Building construction site and meet current students.

“As I’ve progressed personally and professionally, I’m often reminded of my time at UK,” he said. “Aside from the lifelong friendships, I’ve also come to greatly value the training and knowledge I received. And I’m excited for the Landscape Architecture program to move into the Gray Design Building and to cohabitate with the other design groups.”