

## Michael Ezban RA, ASLA, LEED AP

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### **Education**

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| 2013 | Master in Landscape Architecture with Distinction<br>Harvard University<br>Thesis: "Landscape as Lure: Hunting Grounds for the Lake Erie Littoral"<br>Advisor: Charles Waldheim, Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture |
| 2007 | Master of Architecture with Distinction<br>University of Michigan<br>Thesis: "Better Homes and Gardens: Cultivating an Aberrant Domesticity"<br>Advisor: Karen M'Closkey, Assistant Professor of Architecture                |
| 1998 | Bachelor of Science in Architecture<br>University of Virginia  |

### **Academic Appointments (selected)**

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| 2024-pres | Associate Clinical Professor<br>Architecture Program<br>UMD School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation        |
| 2020-23   | Assistant Clinical Professor<br>Architecture Program<br>UMD School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation        |
| 2019-20   | Assistant Professor in Landscape Architecture<br>University of Virginia, School of Architecture                    |
| 2014-19   | Visiting Assistant Professor in Landscape Architecture<br>Virginia Tech, Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center |
| 2013-14   | Lecturer<br>Architecture Program<br>UMD School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation                            |
| 2011      | Adjunct Instructor<br>Corcoran College of Art + Design   |
| 2009      | Visiting Instructor<br>Virginia Tech, College of Architecture and Urban Studies                                    |
| 2008-09   | Lecturer<br>University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning                               |

### **Administrative Appointments at UMD**

2023-pres	Assistant Director of Graduate Architecture Architecture Program UMD School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation
2022-23	Interim Assistant Director Architecture Program UMD School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation

### **Professional Practice**

2008-24	Principal VanderGoot Ezban Studio, Silver Spring, MD research based practice
2007-08	Project Manager + Staff Architect PLY Architecture, Ann Arbor, MI residential and research based practice
2004-05	Project Manager + Staff Architect Wiedemann Architects, Bethesda residential based practice
2000-04	Project Manager + Staff Architect Blackburn Architects, DC equestrian based practice
1998-00	Staff Architect Bowie + Gridley Architects, Washington, DC educational facilities and commercial based practice

### **Professional Certifications, Licenses, and Memberships**

2013-pres	Full Member American Society of Landscape Architects
2009-pres	Registered Architect Michigan
2007-pres	LEED Accredited Professional US Green Building Council

### **Books Authored**

2027	Ezban, M. (2027). <i>Seeing Blinds: Architecture for Avian Landscapes</i> . Birkhauser. (Forthcoming)
2020	Ezban, M. (2020). <i>Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm</i> . Routledge. ISBN 9780367783808

### **Book Chapters**

- 2026 Ezban, M. "Coastal Cohabitation," in *New Approaches to Coastal Adaptation in Landscape Architecture*, Ed. Kees Lokman. Routledge. (Forthcoming)
- 2022 Ezban, M. (2022). "Attune and Entangle: A Pedagogy for Designing Multispecies Relations in the Anthropocene," in *Studio Ecologies: Designing Landscape Architectural Education for Unpredictable Futures*. Eds. Dr. Brigit Keane, Roselea Monacella. Routledge.
- 2017 Ezban, M. and VanderGoot, J. (2017). "Coastal Portage: Sediment Landscapes as Great Lakes Infrastructure," in *Third Coast Atlas: Prelude to a Plan*. Eds. Charles Waldheim, Clare Lyster, Mason White, Daniel Ibanez. Actar.

### **Refereed Journal Articles and Conference Proceedings**

- 2025 Ezban, M., May, L, and Williams, B. (2025). "Training Architect-Curators: Rethinking Iteration in the Age of AI," in ACSA 2025 Intersections Conference Proceedings (forthcoming)
- 2025 Ezban, M., May, L, and Williams, B. (2025). "AI + Design Thinking: Expanding Architecture Pedagogies with Artificial Intelligence," in ARCC 2025 Annual Conference Proceedings
- 2014 Ezban, M. (2014). "Midden Mutations: Civic Aggregation and Material Migrations at Monte Testaccio," in *Landscape Architecture Frontiers*, Vol. 12.
- 2013 Ezban, M. (2013). "Decoys, Dikes, and Lures: Polyfunctional Landscapes of Waterfowl Hunting," in *Studies in the History of Gardens and Designed Landscapes*. Vol. 33, No. 3.
- 2012 Ezban, M. (2012). "The Trash Heap of History," in *Places Journal*.

### **Non-Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2013 Ezban, M. (2013). "Better Homes and Gardens: Cultivating an Aberrant Domesticity," in *PLAT. Volume 3.5: Model Misbehavior*. Rice School of Architecture
- 2013 Ezban, M. (2013). "Aqueous Ecologies: Parametric Aquaculture and Urbanism," in *Scenario Journal*, Volume 3: Rethinking Infrastructure
- 2008 Ezban, M. (2008). "Better Homes and Gardens: Cultivating an Aberrant Domesticity," in *Dimensions*. Volume 21. Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning

### **Fellowships, Prizes and Awards**

- 2025 Outstanding Faculty Award  
UMD School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
- 2022 Outstanding Faculty Award  
UMD Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability (PALS)
- 2020 John Brinckerhoff Jackson Book Prize  
*Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm*  
Foundation for Landscape Studies

- 2014 Maeder-York Family Fellowship in Landscape Studies  
“Working Water: The Productive Tailwater Fishery as Landscape Architecture”  
Fellow in-residence  
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA  
(\$15,000)
- 2014 Honorable Mention  
“Landscape as Lure: Hybrid Hunting Grounds for the Lake Erie Littoral”  
North Coast Design Competition
- 2013 Charles Eliot Traveling Fellowship  
“Scaling the Fish Farm: A Global Survey of Aquaculture Landscapes”  
Highest award of the Department of Landscape Architecture  
Harvard University, Graduate School of Design  
(\$44,000)
- 2013 National Geographic Award in Mapping, Honorable Mention  
“Hunting the Emergent Lake Erie Littoral”  
Association of American Geographers
- 2011 Penny White Award  
“Exhuming the Rust Belt: Metrics and Ecologies of Pointe Mouillee”  
Department of Landscape Architecture  
Harvard University, Graduate School of Design  
Co-PI w/ Jana VanderGoot  
(\$1,000)
- 2011 Merit Award (2nd Place)  
“Filter Strips”  
James River Green Building Council 2011 Green Spaces Competition:  
Uncovering Manchester (w/ VanderGoot Ezban Studio)
- 2007 Taubman College M.Arch Thesis Award  
“Better Homes and Gardens: Cultivating an Aberrant Domesticity”  
University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning

### **Sponsored Research and Programs**

- 2024 Teaching and Learning Grant  
“AI and Design Thinking”  
UMD Teaching and Learning Transformation Center  
Co-PI, w/ L. May. PI: B. Williams  
(\$55,000)
- 2023 Healthy Places Matter Grant  
“Seeing Blinds: Architecture for Avian Landscapes” exhibition  
UMD School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation  
PI  
(\$10,000)
- 2022 Teaching and Learning Grant  
“Decolonizing Education to Meet Climate Change Demands:  
reACT Testbed Lab”  
UMD Teaching and Learning Transformation Center  
Co-PI, w/ M. Binder, H.Koliji, P. May, B. Quinn. PI: P. Cossard  
(\$55,000)

2016      Design and Development Award  
 “Resilient Infrastructure”  
 Virginia Tech/ Office of Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies  
 PI, w/ Laurel McSherry  
 (\$8,000)

### **Invited Lectures**

Mar 2022      Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
 “Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm”  
 Food for Thought Lecture Series

Oct 2019      Harvard University Graduate School of Design  
 “Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm”  
 Charles Eliot Fellowship Lecture

Mar 2017      Auburn University School of Architecture, Planning, Landscape Architecture  
 “Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm”  
 2017 Spring Lecture Series

Feb 2016      University of Maryland, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation  
 “Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm”  
 2016 Kibel Gallery Lecture

Jun 2014      Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA  
 “Michael Ezban in Conversation with Charles Waldheim”  
 2014 Maeder-York Fellowship in Landscape Studies Lecture

Jul 2014      Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy  
 “Culture of Waste”

### **Symposia and Conferences**

Sep 2025      ACSA Intersections Conference: Artificial Intelligence Design Practices  
 Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 “Training Architect-Curators: Rethinking Iteration in the Age of AI”  
 w/ Lindsey May and Britt Williams  
 Organized by ACSA

Apr 2025      ARCC Annual International Conference: Emerging Challenges  
 University of Maryland and Howard University  
 “AI + Design Thinking: Expanding Architecture Pedagogies with Artificial Intelligence”  
 w/ Lindsey May and Britt Williams  
 Organized by ARCC

Jan 2025      A2ru AI Symposium  
 University of Maryland  
 “Opportunities and Limits: Integrating AI into Design Studio Pedagogy”  
 w/ Lindsey May and Britt Williams  
 Organized by A2ru

Oct 2024      AI + Design Thinking Symposium  
 University of Maryland  
 Organized w/Lindsey May and Britt Williams

- Oct 2022    Makeover Montgomery County 5  
MG Planning Department Headquarters  
“Climate Change and Strengthening Maryland’s Coast”  
Organized by Montgomery County Planning Department
- Apr 2021    LA + ARCH Interdisciplinary Seminar  
University of Maryland  
“Multispecies Entanglements”  
Organized by the SASLA, UMD
- Mar 2017    Penn Landscape Dialogues Symposium  
University of Pennsylvania  
“Protein and Pleasure: Designing the Productive Aquatic Landscape”  
Organized by the UPenn Department of Landscape Architecture
- Aug 2015    DredgeFest Great Lakes Symposium  
University of Minnesota  
“Sediment and Shotguns: Ecologies of Dredging and Waterfowling at Pointe Mouillee”  
Organized by the Dredge Research Collaborative
- Mar 2014    CELA—Annual Conference of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture  
Baltimore, Maryland  
“Dredging Landscapes of the Great Lakes.”  
Organized by the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture
- Sep 2012    DredgeFest NYC Symposium  
Columbia University GSAPP’s Studio-X, NYC  
Panel: “Dredge and the Anthropocene”  
Organized by the Dredge Research Collaborative
- Sep 2012    TRASH Conference  
University of Sussex, United Kingdom. “The Trash Heap of History.”  
Panel: “(Re)making the Metropolis”  
Organized by the Sussex Center for Cultural Studies

### **Exhibitions and Installations, Solo**

- Oct 2024    “Seeing Blinds: Architecture for Avian Landscapes”  
Kibel Gallery  
UMD School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
- Mar 2017    “Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm”  
Dudley Commons Gallery  
Auburn University School of Architecture, Planning, Landscape Architecture
- Mar 2016    “Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm”  
Kibel Gallery  
UMD School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation

### **Exhibitions and Installations, Group**

- Mar 2017    “Protein and Pleasure”  
Penn Landscape Dialogues Symposium  
PennDesign Gallery  
University of Pennsylvania School of Design

- May 2014 “Landscape as Lure: Hybrid Hunting Grounds for the Lake Erie Littoral”  
IABR—International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam 2014  
Rotterdam, NL
- Apr 2013 “Big Ass Carp!”  
Deconstruction/ Construction: The Cheonggyecheon River Project in Seoul  
Van Alen Institute, NY
- Apr 2013 “The Trash Heap of History”  
Kirkland Gallery  
Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- Feb 2013 “Aqueous Ecologies: Parametric Aquaculture + Urbanism”  
After Sandy: The Renewed Urgency for Green Infrastructure Symposium  
Harvard University Graduate School of Design

## **Citations and Reviews**

### **Book Review**

- Nov 2019 Heavers, Nathan. “Fish, Food,” Landscape Architecture Magazine  
book review: *Aquaculture Landscapes*

### **Courses Cited**

- Nov 2022 Haslam, Maggie. “To Design for the Future, Class Looks to the Past”  
Maryland Today  
course cited: ARCH 460: Site Analysis and Design
- Nov 2022 Haslam, Maggie. “A Climate for Thinking Big”  
Inhabit Magazine  
course cited: ARCH 601: Adapting Assateague
- May 2022 Levin, Sala. “Safer Flights”  
TERP Magazine  
course cited: ARCH 408: Anacostia Aviary
- Aug 2021 Haslam, Maggie. “Surviving a Sea Change”  
Maryland Today  
course cited: ARCH 601: Adapting Assateague

### **Research Cited**

- Dec 2024 Landscape Architecture Magazine. “Seeing Blinds: Architecture for Avian Landscapes”  
Landscape Architecture Magazine  
research cited: “Seeing Blinds” exhibit
- 2024 Haslam, Maggie. “In New Exhibit, Architecture Soars”  
Maryland Today  
research cited: “Seeing Blinds: Architecture for Avian Landscapes” exhibit
- 2021 Cheramie, Kristi. *Through Time and the City: Notes on Rome*. Routledge.  
research cited: “The Trash Heap of History”
- 2017 M’Closkey, Karen and VanDerSys, K. *Dynamic Patterns: Visualizing Landscapes in a Digital Age*. Routledge.

design work cited: "Saturation Scenarios"

- 2014 Reed, Chris and Nina-Marie Lister. *Projective Ecologies*. Actar.  
research cited: "Ichthyo Scenarios"
- May 2012 Berg, Nate. "Can Inactive Landfills Become Assets?" The Atlantic: Cities  
research cited: "The Trash Heap of History"
- 2012 Archinect News. Editor's Picks  
research cited: "The Trash Heap of History"

### **Invited Workshops**

- Mar 2015 Columbia University, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation  
"Aquaculture Fields"  
ARCH 4104 Studio: Scales of Environment  
invited by Adjunct Professor Julia Watson

### **Guest Course Lectures**

- Oct 2025 Tulane University, School of Architecture and the Built Environment  
"Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm"  
ARCH-4041/5051/6051 Research Studio  
invited by Assistant Professor Liz Camuti
- July 2023 University of Hong Kong, Division of Landscape Architecture  
"Landscape as Lure: Hybrid Hunting Grounds for the Lake Erie Littoral"  
ARCH7291 Thesis Preparation  
invited by Assistant Professor Dr. Xiaoxuan Lu
- Mar 2023 UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation  
"Watersheds"  
ARCH 678T Ecological Design Thinking  
invited by Clinical Assistant Professor Julie Gabrielli
- Nov 2022 UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture  
"Aquaculture Landscapes"  
LARC 151 Urban Agriculture: Designing Productive Landscapes  
invited by Assistant Professor Deni Ruggeri
- Nov 2022 UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture  
"Decolonizing Site Analysis and Design"  
LARC 640 Design Studio  
invited by Assistant Professor Naomi Sachs
- Oct 2022 UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture  
"Aquaculture Landscapes"  
LARC 440 Urban Design Studio  
invited by Professor Jack Sullivan
- Feb 2022 University of Hawaii, School of Architecture  
"Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm"  
ARCH 201: Design Studio  
invited by instructor David Campbell



Mar 2021	UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation “Watersheds” ARCH 678T Ecological Design Thinking invited by Clinical Assistant Professor Julie Gabrielli
Nov 2017	UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation “Farm the City” ARCH 460 Sites and Systems invited by Assistant Professor Jana VanderGoot
Nov 2016	UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation “Dredge: Process and Landscapes” ARCH 478/678 Adaptation invited by Assistant Professor Michele Lamprakos
Oct 2015	Harvard University, Graduate School of Design “Landscape as Lure: Hybrid Hunting Grounds for the Lake Erie Littoral” GSD 9341 Preparation of MLA Design Thesis invited by Assistant Professor Gareth Doherty
Mar 2015	Columbia University, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation “Aquaculture Landscapes” ARCH 4104 Studio: Scales of Environment invited by Adjunct Professor Julia Watson
Mar 2015	UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation “Topographies of Trash” ARCH 460 Sites and Systems invited by Assistant Professor Jana VanderGoot
Mar 2015	Harvard University, Graduate School of Design “Decoys, Dikes and Lures: Polyfunctional Landscapes of Waterfowl Hunting” HIS 04446 Histories of Nature Conservation and Landscape Preservation invited by Adjunct Professor Mark Laird
Feb 2015	UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation “Ecological Infrastructure: 2 Case Studies” ARCH 601 Architecture Studio invited by Assistant Professor Hooman Koliji
Oct 2014	Harvard University, Graduate School of Design “Landscape as Lure: Hybrid Hunting Grounds for the Lake Erie Littoral” GSD 9341 Preparation of MLA Design Thesis invited by Lecturer Gareth Doherty and Assistant Professor Robert Pietrusko
Mar 2014	Harvard University, Graduate School of Design “Decoys, Dikes and Lures: Polyfunctional Landscapes of Waterfowl Hunting” HIS 04446 A History of Nature Conservation and Landscape Preservation invited by Adjunct Professor Mark Laird
Apr 2014	UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation “The Trash Heap of History” ARCH 460 Sites and Systems invited by Assistant Professor Jana VanderGoot

Nov 2013 Harvard University, Graduate School of Design  
“Landscape as Lure: Hybrid Hunting Grounds for the Lake Erie Littoral”  
GSD 9341 Preparation of MLA Design Thesis  
invited by Associate Professor Sonja Duempelmann

Apr 2013 Harvard University, Graduate School of Design  
“Aqueous Ecologies”  
GSD 1212 Landscape Core Studio IV  
invited by Associate Professor in Practice Chris Reed

### **Masters Thesis Advising (Chair)**

2025 Committee Chair, Architecture Master’s Thesis  
Student: Andrew Kozy  
“Designed Wild: Cultivating Connections to the Natural World Through Architecture”

2025 Committee Chair, Architecture Master’s Thesis  
Student: Dieu Merci Kamate  
“Roots To Reefs: Transforming Ghost Forests into Oyster Promenades in the Age of Sea Level Rise”

2024 Committee Chair, Architecture Master’s Thesis  
Student: Chase Deist  
“Fragmended.”

2023 Committee Chair, Architecture Master’s Thesis  
Student: Yan Konan  
“Banished Into Existence: Agritecture at the Intersection of Architecture and Agriculture”

2022 Committee Chair, Architecture Master’s Thesis  
Student: Eric Resnick  
“Beyond the Barrier: The Resilience of Connecting People to Place”

2016 Committee Chair, Architecture Master’s Thesis  
Student: Jeannine Mueller  
“The Architecture of Waste: Designing New Avenues for Public Engagement with Trash”

### **Invited Critic**

2022 UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture  
graduate landscape architecture final reviews

2021 UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture  
graduate landscape architecture final reviews

2021 Harvard University, Graduate School of Design  
graduate landscape architecture final reviews

2020 Harvard University, Graduate School of Design  
graduate landscape architecture thesis reviews

2020 Cornell University, Department of Landscape Architecture  
graduate landscape architecture thesis reviews

2019	UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture undergraduate landscape architecture final reviews
2018	University of Pennsylvania, School of Design graduate landscape architecture studio final reviews
2017	University of British Columbia, Department of Landscape Architecture graduate landscape architecture review
2016	Cornell University, Department of Landscape Architecture graduate landscape architecture thesis reviews
2015	University of Pennsylvania, School of Design graduate landscape architecture studio final reviews
2013	Carnegie Mellon University, School of Architecture undergraduate architecture studio review
2013	UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture graduate and undergraduate landscape architecture studio reviews
2011	Virginia Tech, College of Architecture and Urban Studies undergraduate architecture studio final review
2011	University of Virginia, School of Architecture undergraduate architecture studio review
2009	University of Virginia, School of Architecture graduate thesis architecture final review
2009	University of Michigan, Dana School of Natural Resources and the Environment graduate landscape architecture studio review

#### **Invited Competition Juror**

2009	Virginia Tech, College of Architecture and Urban Studies "Primitive Hut + the Third Landscape," undergraduate architecture competition
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#### **Student Awards**

2025	Student Design Award: Graduate, Upper Level Design AIA Maryland Student: Dieu Merci Kamate Project: "Roots To Reefs: Transforming Ghost Forests into Oyster Promenades in the Age of Sea Level Rise."
2024	Director's Award UMD School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation Student: Chase Diest Project: "Fragmended."
2023	Thesis Award UMD School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation Student: Yan Konan Project: "Banished Into Existence: Agritecture at the Intersection of Architecture and Agriculture."

- 2023 Undergraduate Student Design Award + Scholarship  
AIA Baltimore Excellence in Design Awards  
Student: Shannon Sinnicki  
Project: "The Quoin Urban Development Project"
- 2023 Student Design Award: Undergraduate, Upper Level Design  
AIA Maryland  
Student: Xuan Vo  
Project: "Building in the Landscape – Urban Ecology."
- 2022 Student Design Award: Graduate, Upper Level Design  
AIA Maryland  
Student: Eric Resnick  
Project: "Beyond the Barrier: The Resilience of Connecting People to Place"
- 2020 SARA National Design Awards  
Excellence Award  
Student: Zhilu Wang, University of Virginia  
Project: "Redirecting Nutrients in the Sacramento River Basin"

### **Reviewing Activities for Journals and Presses**

- 2021 "Beastmode: Livestock and the Architecture of Biopower," Forbes Lipschitz  
Routledge

### **Professional Service**

- 2025-pres Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel (DAP)  
Academic Contributor

### **Program Service**

- 2022-pres National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)  
Lead Coordinator
- Teaching/Graduate Assistant Assignments and Organization  
Lead Coordinator
- Graduate Admissions  
Lead Coordinator
- Minors and Certificates  
Lead Coordinator
- Program Lecture Series  
Co-Coordinator
- Summer /Winter Course Development and Recruitment  
Co-Coordinator
- Architecture Program Curriculum Committee  
Committee Member ex officio
- Adjunct Lecturer Recruitment  
Co-Coordinator

### **University Service**

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| 2025-pres | Workday Faculty Advisory Committee<br>University of Maryland<br>Committee Member      |
| 2021      | AgroEcology Corridor Steering Committee<br>University of Maryland<br>Committee Member |

### **Inter-institutional and Regional**

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| F2022 | Interschool Student Design Competition (ISDC)<br>UMD School of Architecture<br>Lead Coordinator |
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### **Expert Testimony**

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| 2022 | Council of the District of Columbia<br>B24-710: “Migratory Wildlife Legislation and CLEAN Act Legislation”<br>Testimony provided |
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