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profile



Registered architect with over 8 years experience in high-end residential, building conversions, office interiors, renovations and new construction with additional 2 years of mechanical engineering experience. 5 years experience teaching graduate level architectural drawing class with additional experience teaching and guest critiquing design studios.

education

2001 - 2004

Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University
Master of Architecture

1994 - 1998

University of California, Berkeley
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering - with honors

certifications

Registered Architect - New York State
Member - The American Institute of Architects
USGBC LEED Accredited Professional

teaching

Columbia University, New York, NY
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Architecture

2004 - present

- Architectural Drawing & Representation II - Co-Director of weekly course for first year master's program. The course continues the exploration and development of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional visualization techniques utilizing multiple media and methods of operation from hand drawing to computer fabrication. Responsibilities include preparation of course curriculum and bi-weekly lectures.

2009 - present

- New York/Paris Program - Semester long Pre-Master design studio. The course explores the development of architectural design strategies through a series of studies of the conditions in both New York and Paris at multiple scales. The final project incorporates these elements into the design for a multipurpose pavilion or installation.

2004 - 2009

- Architectural Drawing I - Weekly course for first year master's program. The course explores and develops new spatial relationships in found objects through sections, axonometrics, mappings and hybridized drawings.

Teaching Assistant

fall 2003, 2002
summer 2004, 2003

- Architectural Drawing I - first years master's program
- Introduction to Architecture - pre-masters summer design studio

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Lecturer

fall 2006

- Arch 601 - Triweekly design studio for second year master's program. Design for residential housing complex as part of a new master plan for the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia. The studio project began with a study of waste systems as an inspiration for alternate design strategies.

Studio Assistant

spring 2005

- Arch 602 - Weekly design studio for second year master's program. Project was to develop a new casino for Philadelphia and the students were encouraged to investigate both the architectural and sociological implications of this new building in the city.

teaching
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Guest Critic

- Columbia University
- Pratt Institute
- City College of New York
- University of Pennsylvania
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Barnard College
- Parsons New School for Design

work
feb 2007 - present

TEK Architects, New York, NY

Associate

- Tanya Towers - 10 story 100,000sf LEED Silver renovation for disabled housing complex - NY, NY
- Rutgers University - 6,000sf addition to recreation center and student lounge - New Brunswick, NJ
- Rockefeller Foundation - 20,000sf office renovation and new media center - NY, NY
- International Peace Academy - 3 story 45,000sf office/conference center and roof deck - NY, NY
- Farrar, Straus & Giroux - 2 story 30,000sf interior construction for publishing company - NY, NY
- Corporate Office - 15,000sf interior construction for media and branding firm - San Francisco, CA
- Hedge Fund - 2 story 50,000sf office interior with trading floor and multi-media center - NY, NY
- H&M - 15,000sf interior construction for national corporate headquarters - NY, NY

apr 2005 - aug 2006

Ben Hansen Architect, New York, NY

Project Manager

- Live/Work Studios - 2 story existing warehouse conversion and new penthouse addition - Brooklyn, NY
- West Village Apartments - 8 story existing conversion with 4 story new addition - NY, NY
- Tribeca Apartments - 5 story historic building conversion with new penthouse - NY, NY
- Tribeca Residences - interior renovation for 2 duplex apartments and roof terrace - NY, NY
- Soho Residence - Penthouse apartment with private roof deck and connecting stair - NY, NY

jun 2004 - apr 2005

Atopia, New York, NY

Designer/Strategist

- Battersea Powerstation - Site Planning and new media infrastructure - London, United Kingdom
- Siyathemba - New sustainable soccer pitch competition - Somkhele, South Africa

feb 2001 - may 2002

DEL Architects, New York, NY

Assistant Architect

- SCA - ADA compliance and new elevator installation for 3 schools - Queens, NY
- DDC - 15,000sf new Department of Sanitation maintenance facility under Riverside Drive - NY, NY

jul 1998 - may 2000

Lockheed Martin, Orlando, FL

Engineer

- Product testing and developing - Design test equipment to monitor system performance. Supervise test equipment fabrication. Facilitate test execution and coordinate performance analysis

publications

- 2010 "The Sheltering Sky: Sukkah Stories," Damn Magazine, no. 26 Oct./Nov./Dec. 2010
- 2010 "Delight: 600 Architects Compete to Design a Sukkah," Zöe Blackler, The Architectural Review, Nov. 2010, 1365 Vol. CCXXVIII
- 2010 "Temporary Measures," Shari Saiman, The Jewish Review of Books, No. 3, Fall 2010
- 2010 "Sukkah vs. Sukkah," Justin Davidson, New York Magazine, Sept. 20, 2010
- 2009 "Urban Island: or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Flatbush Ave.," Reinventing Grand Army Plaza, Megan Canning ed., Design Trust for Public Space
- 2008 "Extraordinary Occupation," What if New York City... Design Competition
<http://www.whatifync.net/details.px?r=399&s=1&tab=1>
- 2004 "Advanced studio II" & "Advanced studio III," Abstract 2003-4, Scott Marble ed., Columbia University GSAPP
- 2003 "Advanced Studio I" & "Building Systems I," Abstract 2002-3, Scott Marble ed., Columbia University GSAPP
- 2002 "Core Studio I", "Core Studio II", "Environments & Enclosures I" & "Sustainable Design", Abstract 2001-2, Scott Marble ed., Columbia University GSAPP

honors & awards

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| sep 2010 | Sukkah City NYC 2010 | finalist and "people's choice" winner |
| sep 2008 | Reinventing Grand Army Plaza | honorable mention in design competition |
| may 2004 | Lucille Smyser Lowenfish Memorial Prize | best semester architectural design project |
| nov 1997 | Tau Beta Pi | engineering honor society |
| nov 1996 | Pi Tau Sigma | mechanical engineering honor society |

exhibitions

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| sep 2010 | Sukkah City NYC 2010 | Center for Architecture, New York, NY |
| sep 2010 | Sukkah City NYC 2010 | Union Square, New York, NY |
| dec 2008 | Red Hook Food Vendors | Architecture for Humanity, New York, NY |
| sep 2008 | Reinventing Grand Army Plaza | Bailey Fountain, Brooklyn, NY |

lectures

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| oct 2010 | AIANJ Fall Symposium - "Users" | New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ |
| sep 2010 | Fractured Bubble - Sukkah City | Center for Architecture, New York, NY |