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**Current**

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- 2016-present **Director**, Washington Alexandria Architecture Center (WAAC)  
College of Architecture & Urban Studies, Virginia Tech, Alexandria, Virginia
- 1991-present **Professor**, Washington Alexandria Architecture Center (WAAC)
- 1988 **Architect**, Professional registration, Commonwealth of Virginia

**Previous Academic Appointments**

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- 1998-2001 Adjunct Professor, Berman School of Real Estate,  
(*Summers*) Johns Hopkins University
- 1991-93 Academic Director: "Experiences in Architecture" High School Program,  
(*Summers*) The Catholic University of America
- 1990-1991 Assistant Professor of Architecture  
The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
- 1987-1988 Adjunct Studio Critic and Instructor,  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD

**Previous Consulting & Professional Practice**

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- 2002- present Consulting Curator & Writer, National Building Museum, Washington DC
- 2004- 2005 Consultant, to National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for Solar Decathlon 05
- 1987-1990 Architect, RTKL Associates, DC, Washington, DC
- 1985-1987 Cross + Little Architects, Silver Spring, MD

**Recent Honors & Awards**

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- 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Office Building Division of the Solar Decathlon Design Challenge, for studio project *Point Present High School + Data Center*
- 2022 Gold Winner, Global Future Design Award, *Third Century Mall* project with ISTUDIO Architects
- 2021 *Architectural Educator Award* for the WAAC (Institutional Category), Washington Architecture Foundation
- 2021 *Ut Prosim* Award for Exemplary Service, School of Architecture, + Design, College of Architecture & Urban Studies, Virginia Tech
- 2018 *Vision in Design Award*, Branch Museum of Architecture & Design, Richmond, VA
- 2014 *John Wiebenson Award for Architecture in the Public Interest*, Washington Architecture Foundation, Washington, DC
- 2014 Research Travel Award, Danish Cultural Ministry, Washington, DC
- 2014 *Merit Award in Design*, for *Springsbury Institute at Casey Tree Farm* (design team: faculty and students from architecture, landscape architecture, agroforestry) American Society of Landscape Architects, Potomac Chapter
- 2013 *First Place*, Casey Tree Farm Master Plan Design Competition (design team: faculty and students from architecture, landscape architecture, agroforestry)

2007 *Excellence in Outreach*, School of Architecture + Design, CAUS, Virginia Tech

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### Education

1984 Master of Architecture, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg & Alexandria, VA

1980 Bachelor of Arts, History of Art, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA

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### Books Authored

*How Drawings Work: a User-Friendly Theory*, New York, NY: Routledge, 2019

*Intelligent Cities*, Washington, DC: National Building Museum, 2011

*Green Community*, Chicago, IL: American Planning Association, co-editor Timothy Mennel, 2009

*Tools of the Imagination: Drawing Tools and Technologies from the 18th Century to the Present*, New York, NY: Princeton Architectural Press, 2006

*Devil's Workshop: 25 Years of Jersey Devil Architecture*, New York, NY: Princeton Architectural Press, co-author Mark Alden Branch, 1997

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### Selected additional publications

*Mass Timber: Changing the Way America Builds*, Washington DC, National Building Museum, 2019, Yugon Kim  
Contributor: Introduction

"Into the Uncanny Valley," *Places Journal*, (2018). doi:[10.22269/180428](https://doi.org/10.22269/180428)

"Democratic Space: Representational Space of Washington, DC," *Rassegna di Architettura e Urbanistica*, Anno XLII-  
No. 126, Universita degli Studi di Roma, La Sapienza, 2008

"The Invisible History of Erasing," *Blueprints*, No. 3, National Building Museum, Summer 2005, 2-7

*Design Professions and the Built Environment*, New York, NY John Wiley and Sons, 2000, ed. Peter Ozolins and Paul Knox; Contributor: chapter "The Design Professional in Service to Society"

"Building Alternatives," *Perspecta 29*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, November 1998

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### Exhibitions Curated, National Building Museum

2021- *Justice is Beauty: the work of MASS Design Group*, consulting curator and writer

2016-17 *Timber City*, consulting curator and editor, with guest curators and exhibition designers: Kim, Y., & Ikatura, T.

2016-2017 *Luminous Landscapes: Photographs by Alan Ward*, FASLA, curator and writer

2015-16 *Hot to Cold: an odyssey of architectural adaptation*, comprehensive exhibition on the work of Bjarke Ingels Group, curator and editor

- 2011 *Intelligent Cities Initiative*, a project of the Rockefeller Foundation, curator and writer
- 2010 *Solar Decathlon: Finalists 2011*, curator and writer
- 2008-09 *Green Community*, an award-winning exhibition (SEGD Honor Award for exhibition and graphic design) on green practices at community scale
- 2005 *Tools of the Imagination: Drawing Tools and Technologies from the 18th Century to the Present*, curator and writer
- 2003 *Masonry Variations*, curator and writer, with Guest Curator Stanley Tigerman
- 2002-03 *Big and Green: toward Sustainable Building in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, writer, with curator David Gissen

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#### **Selected Invited Academic Lectures and Presentations**

- 2019 Miami University, Oxford, Ohio  
Lecture, *How Drawings Work: a User-Friendly Theory*
- 2019 Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, Georgia  
Lecture, *How Drawings Work: a User-Friendly Theory*
- 2014 Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania  
Lecture, *Under Construction: Design Build in Architectural Education*
- Universidad de Fransisco Marroquin, Guatemala City, Guatemala  
Lecture, *Urbiphilia*
- 2013 University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee  
Lecture, *Urbiphilia*
- 2012 TE2 Symposium, Catholic University of America, Washington DC  
Lecture, *Intelligent Cities*
- 2012 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Urban Design Conference, North Carolina State University, Raleigh  
Lecture, *Intelligent Cities*
- 2011 Catholic University of America, Washington DC  
Lectures, *Intelligent Cities, In Visible Cities*
- 2011 Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington DC  
Panelist, *Reclaiming the Edge: Urban Waterways and Civic Engagement*
- 2010 Mississippi State University, Jackson, MS  
Keynote lecturer and juror, *FormCities Symposium*
- 2010 George Washington University, Washington, Washington DC  
Lecture, *Green Community*
- 2010 Catholic University of America with the Embassy of Norway, Washington  
Panelist, program on Scandinavian Architecture
- 2010 Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA  
Lecture, *Green Community*
- Prior La Sapienza Universita di Roma, Rome, Italy

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS  
 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
 Universidad de Mendoza, Mendoza, Argentina  
 Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago, Chile

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### Selected Invited Professional Lectures and Presentations

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2022	Keynote, <i>The Futures of Architecture</i> , NCARB Region 2 Student/Educator/Practitioner Symposium, Charlottesville, VA
2021	Moderator, <i>Climate ABC</i> , monthly program with the National Building Museum
2019	The Branch Museum of Architecture and Design, Richmond, Virginia Lecture, <i>How Drawings Work: a User-Friendly Theory</i>
2018	Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, DC Pop-up talk for World Architecture Day, <i>Brutalism: the Architecture We Love to Hate</i>
2018	Smith Group JJR, Washington DC Moderator, <i>Three Museums</i> panel discussion
2017	Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC Lecture, <i>Brutalism: the Architecture We Love to Hate</i>
2017	Cosmos Club, Washington DC Lecture/panel discussion, <i>Fifty Years of Urban Design</i>
2016	National Museum of American History, Smithsonian institution, Washington DC Lightening talk, <i>Fold Your Own National Capital</i>
2014	Gensler Urban Design Group Directors' retreat, Washington DC
2014	<i>Sustainable Urbanism</i> , with Joe Schilling, Hickok Cole Architects, Georgetown
2013	Moderator, <i>AJAP</i> , Emerging Architects' forum, Alliance de Francais, Washington DC
2012	The Clinton School for Public Service, Little Rock, Arkansas Lecture, <i>Intelligent Cities</i>
2012	Gensler, Chicago, Illinois, Panelist, <i>City as Campus</i> ,
2012	Gensler Midwestern Regional Directors' Retreat, Oak Grove, IL
2011	Regional Plan Assembly, New York, NY, Panelist, <i>Data and Cities</i>
2011	Gensler Directors' retreat, Washington DC
2010	American Planning Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Prior	SIGGRAPH, New Orleans, LA Arc-US, Florida & California Institute for Professional and Executive Development (IPED), San Francisco, CA Diplomats and Consular Officials, Retired (DACOR) Washington, DC Architecture Exchange East, Richmond, VA

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### Media

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2022	Interview, <i>Protocol</i> , on shape of the post-pandemic city
2021	Interview, AP News, on the impact of the barricading of the Capitol on public access
2021	Interview for Architectural Educator Award, AIA DC <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqfHMsQTbZU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqfHMsQTbZU</a>
2010	Diane Rehm Show, WAMU, Washington DC, Guest on "Reader's Review" show

- 2009 *Story of a Green Building, PNC Place*  
<http://www.nbm.org/media/video/story-of-green-building.html>
- 2008 *Green Community, on-line exhibition tour,*  
<http://www.nbm.org/media/video/green-community/green-community-exhibition-1.html>
- 2008 *Great Green Places: Dupont Circle,*  
<http://www.nbm.org/media/video/great-green-places/great-green-places-dupont.html>

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#### **Selected Professional Activities**

- 2022 Juror, Collaborative Practice Awards, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA)
- 2020-present Chair, Alexandria City Public Schools, Arts & Design Industry Advisory Board
- 2019-20 External Thesis Examiner, Department of Architecture, Miami University, Oxford, OH
- 2017-present Editorial Board Member, *Places Journal*
- 2022 Juror, Belle Travelling Fellowship, Beyer Blinder Belle Architects
- 2017 Juror, Smith Group JJR firm-wide design awards
- 2016 Juror, Gensler *Global Design Excellence Awards*
- 2014 Juror, *Science Fiction Museum Preview Museum* Design Competition
- 2014 Juror, Annual Honor Awards, American Institute of Architects | Boston
- 2012 Juror, *Beyond Green Awards*, Sustainable Buildings Industry Council, National Institute of Building Sciences, Washington DC
- 2012 Juror, Annual Honor Awards, American Institute of Architects | Dallas
- 2011 Juror, Annual Honor Awards, American Institute of Architects | Houston
- 2010-11 Juror, "Inspiration Awards," *Contract Magazine*;
- 2009 Juror, Gensler Global Design Excellence Awards
- 2009 Juror, Washington Building Congress "Star Awards" for craftsmanship in the building trades
- 2009 Juror, National Engineers Week "Future Cities" Competition
- 2008 Juror, Annual Awards of Excellence, National Capital Chapter of USGBC
- 2007 Juror, Annual Design Awards, American Institute of Architects | West Virginia
- 2003-2005 Peer Reviewer, Fulbright Senior Specialists Program
- 2003 Juror, Annual Design Awards *Remodeling Magazine*
- 2002 Guest panelist grant reviewer, for the American Association of University Women
- 2002 Juror, Annual Design Awards, American Institute of Architects | Chesapeake Bay

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#### **Selected Past Professional Service**

- District of Columbia Public Libraries, Architect Selection Committee, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Central Library renovation and four branch libraries
- Board Member, National Academy of Environmental Design, Washington DC
- Member, Architect Selection Panel, Muscarelle Museum Addition, College of William and Mary
- Board Member, the Green Hive Foundation, Los Angeles
- Board Member at large, National Academy of Environmental Design, Washington DC
- Advisory Board, The Sustainability Project, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland
- National President, Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility
- American Architectural Foundation Television Advisory Board
- Committee of 100 on the Federal City

Design Committee, National Peace Garden Foundation

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**International Academic Activities**

Summers 08-

present Faculty, *London Calling*, cross-college month long study abroad program in London

2002-2016 Liaison for Latin American Consortium members schools at WAAC

2002-2006 Principal Investigator, FIPSE Grant for *Consortium for Urban Conservation in North America (CUCiNA)* student mobility program; travel program in Mexico, US, Canada

2000-2003 Faculty, FIPSE Grant for *International Architecture Education Exchange (IAEE)*, US-EU student mobility program; travel program in Los Angeles, Lisbon, Washington, DC