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EDUCATION	<p>HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN BOSTON, MA August 2017 - June 2019 MARCH 2 Distinction in Graduate Thesis Studio -Advisor Mack Scogin</p> <p>CAL POLY STATE UNIVERSITY SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA September 2010 - June 2015 BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE Graduated with honors; Robert Odo Hifumi Design Award</p> <p>STUDIO TICINO TICINO, CH June 2013 - August 2013 UNDERGRADUATE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM Traveled across Europe with fellow students from home and abroad Participated in housing design studio with two professors from the Mendrisio Academy</p>	
PRACTICE	<p>BENJAMIN NELSON PENNELL DESIGN BERKELEY, CA September 2016 - Present FOUNDER / BUILDER / ARCHITECT</p> <p>Duplex in Modesto, CA: 2016-2018 (completed) "McNamara House," new 1,100 sf duplex with large 600 sf fiberglass facade.</p> <p>Fishing Shack in Trinity, CA: 2020 (completed) "Mt. Shasta Fishing Hut," small 150 sf box with large decorative roof truss and carved wooden doors.</p> <p>House Remodel in Brookings, SD: 2020 (completed) "My First House-Flip," radical remodel, including 800 sf basement addition and 700 sf attic addition.</p> <p>Mixed-Use Building in Oakland, CA: 2020 (still in design) "5278 College Avenue," 3,200 sf addition, including new decorative facade plus housing and commercial space.</p> <p>House in Christiansburg, CA: 2021 (under construction) "Spec House 1," new 2,400 sf duplex with 4-story fiberglass dome.</p> <p>Mini-Lot Condominium in Oakland, CA: 2019 (abandoned after entitlements) "681 27th st," 10,000 sf new construction, including 8 individual town homes organized into one coherent mass.</p> <p>Bruenig Family Home in Albany CA: 2018 (completed) Bastian Family Home in Forrestville, CA: 2018 (completed) Frieberg Family Kitchen and Master Bath in San Jose, CA: 2016 (completed) Ex-Embryon Fiberglass Chair: 2015 (completed)</p> <p>WEISS/MANFREDI Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism NEW YORK, NY July 2015 - May 2017 JUNIOR DESIGNER</p> <p>Design Team Member for the US Embassy in New Delhi, study / presentation models, and coordination with Structure and MEP Design Team Member for Artis Naples cultural campus, MITIMCO Building 5, and Longwood Gardens West Entry project. Lead Model shop coordinator including all 3D Printed and Acrylic models.</p> <p>NEIL M. DENARI ARCHITECTS LOS ANGELES, CA January 2014 - June 2014 ARCHITECTURAL INTERN</p> <p>Worked on graphic representation for NMDA's publication "MASSX" Helped design several unpublished projects in Los Angeles including a small home and a large soccer stadium.</p> <p>LLOYD RUSSEL ARCHITECTS SAN DIEGO, CA August 2013 - Dec 2013 ARCHITECTURAL INTERN</p>	

TEACHING

VIRGINIA TECH

Blacksburg, VA

Aug 2021 - Present

VISITING INSTRUCTOR (ADJUNCT)

Fourth Year Design Studio: ARCH 4015 Fall 2021

"Volcano Stereo Vacuum Space Explosion," A large scale United Nations building, renamed "United Universes."

A strong focus on analogue production in terms of painting and collage with a 1 to 1 Design / Build component at the end.

Third Year Design Studio: ARCH 3016 Spring 2022

"Store-House," A two-part typology combining a very small 500 sf studio with a 100,000 sf storage facility.

Third Year Design Studio: ARCH 3015 Fall 2022 + Spring 2023

"James Bond Villain House," A year-long project requiring each student to individually design a large house, and collaboratively design the overall city or village to contain them all. The site is in Capri, Italy.

Seminar: "Modernism and Abstraction," Poetry, Art, Music, and Architecture in the Twentieth Century (Spring 2022)

Pro-Practice: Fourth Year Undergraduate and Graduate level course on methods of contemporary practice (Fall 2022 + Spring 2023)

Service: Organized the student-run Guest Lecture Series in the Spring of 2021

Participated in major curricular discussions as The School of Design is restructured as The School of Architecture

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Brookings, SD

Aug 2019 - May 2021

FULL TIME INSTRUCTOR

Fifth-Year Graduate Design Studio: ARCH 551 Fall 2019

"X Marks the Spot," a small scale, detail-based investigation of follies, fountains, and figurines.

Fourth-Year Undergraduate Design Studio: ARCH 452 Spring 2020

"Saint Kanye's Cathedral of Light," a community chapel for Kanye West's Sunday Service, intended to be a total work of art.

Third-Year Undergraduate Design Studio: ARCH 351 Fall 2020

"We Live Together," a hybrid-housing design studio based on a chosen sect or organization

Second-Year Undergraduate Design Studio: ARCH 252 Spring 2021

"We Live Together #2," a housing design studio for a local sorority chapter in the town of Brookings, SD.

First-Year Undergraduate Design Studio: ARCH 110 Fall 2020

A large introductory studio for incoming freshman to the school of design.

Seminar: ARCH 321 Fall 2020 + Spring 2021

"Orthographic Drawing and the Architectural Method," a theory seminar based on post-modern compositional thinking.

Seminar: ARCH 692 Spring 2020 + Spring 2021

"Material Topics," a survey of contemporary material production

Seminar: ARCH 442 Spring 2020 + Spring 2021

"History of Ideas," the origins of modernity (from the 17th-20th century).

Seminar: ARCH 402 Spring 2020 + Spring 2021

"Reading Architecture," a reading-intensive course based on the rhetoric of architecture and the written word.

Research: 2020 Plasma cut decorative fireplace + barrel vaulted ceiling (featured in basement of "South Dakota House Remodel")

2019 Large CNC-Milled Cedar Doors (featured in "Mt. Shasta Fishing Hut")

ONPS SUMMER / WINTER PROGRAM, QINGDAO CAMPUS

Qingdao, CN

July 2020 - Present

PART TIME INSTRUCTOR VIA ZOOM

High School level History Lecture: ARCH 206 Summer 2020 + Winter 2020

"Early Modernism" the origins of modernity (from the 17th-19th century)

High School level History Lecture: ARCH 208 Summer 2020

"Late Modernism" the progression of modernity (from the 19th-21st century)

CAL POLY LA METRO "EXTERNSHIP" PROGRAM

Brookings, SD

Jan 2021 - June 2021

STUDENT MENTOR / EMPLOYER

Worked remotely with one student, Keith Li, from Cal Poly's fourth-year externship program

We met on Tuesday and Thursdays via Zoom to discuss design options for my then current house remodel, as well as his own personal design work in his fourth-year studio.

PUBLICATIONS	AARON BETSKY, ARCHITECT MAGAZINE, "THE FLIP-ITECTURE MANIFESTO"	April 2022
	An article by Aaron Betsky examining recent work and the philosophy of Independent Architecture https://www.architectmagazine.com/design/buildings/the-flip-itecture-manifesto_o	
	WORLD-ARCHITETS, "MY FIRST HOUSE FLIP"	May 2022
	An article featuring a 1,400 sf house remodel in Brooking, SD https://www.world-architects.com/en/architecture-news/reviews/my-first-house-flip	
	HARVARD GSD'S "OPEN LETTER PUBLICATION"	December 2018
	A 500 word open letter to John May regarding the present state of the discipline.	
PUBLIC LECTURES/ SHOWS	DESIGNBOOM, CAL POLY THESIS SHOW: STRIPEASE	June 2015
	An article featuring an interactive digital pavilion designed and built with my thesis class at Cal Poly https://www.designboom.com/design/cal-poly-striptease-interactive-architecture-exhibition-07-12-2015/	
	SUCKERPUNCH DAILY, COLUMBIA CAMPUS	January 2018
	http://www.suckerpunchdaily.com/2018/01/26/columbiacampusmain/#more-42152	
	SUCKERPUNCH DAILY, BENN STATION	July 2015
	http://www.suckerpunchdaily.com/2015/07/15/benn-station/#more-39169	
PUBLIC LECTURES/ SHOWS	INDEPENDENT ARCHITECTURE	February 2022
	Inaugural 2022 Faculty lecture at Virginia Tech regarding "Independent Architecture"	
	WIN AT ALL COSTS	October 2021
An introduction to the undergraduate thesis-process: strategies, pitfalls, past precedents		
TREATISE BLACK VENGEANCE: LECTURE AND SHOW	August 2019	
Group show "I AM HERE" for ART FIRST, Xian China. Lecture on recent work + philosophy		
AWARDS	NOMINATED FOR BUILDING OF THE YEAR -AMERICANARCHITECTS.COM	January 2023
	Notable contestants include Jeane Gang architects, Diller Scofidio and Renfro, So-Il Architects. Award announced in late January 2023.	
	HONORABLE MENTION, EVOLO FURNITURE COMPETITION	April 2016
	Noted jury included Brad Ascalon [Brad Ascalon NYC] and Jonas Bjerre-Poulsen [Norm Architects]	
	CAL POLY ANNUAL THESIS AWARD	June 2015
	Presented for Outstanding Thesis titled, "Benn Station."	
	HMC MOST COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN AWARD, LA METRO SPRING REVIEW	June 2014
Noted jury included Neil Denari [UCLA] and Tom Wiscombe [Sci-Arch]		
FIRST PLACE, ACSA OPEN STEEL COMPETITION	Aug 2013	
Noted jury included Phillip Anzalone [Columbia], Jeremy Ficca [Carnegie Mellon] Awarded to Trevor Larson and Myself for "interesting interior geometry, spatial qualities, and exposure of steel."		
ROBERT HIFUMI ODO SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION	June 2013	
Awarded to one student each year demonstrating "outstanding ability in architecture design"		