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We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective

Education

- 2011-2013 University of Michigan TCAUP, Master of Architecture with High Distinction;
Certificate in Museum Studies (certificate awarded in 2019)
- 2007-2011 University of Cincinnati DAAP, Bachelor of Science in Architecture, Cum Laude

Academic Appointments

University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

2022-present Lecturer 1

University of Kentucky College of Design

2022-present Brown-Forman Visiting Chair in Urban Design

Lawrence Technological University College of Architecture and Design

2020-2022 Assistant Professor of Architecture

University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning

2019-2020 Peter Reyner Banham Fellow

University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture

2017-2019 Adjunct Visiting Professor (full time)

2015-2017 Adjunct Professor

Professional Experience

- 2016-2017 et al. collaborative, Detroit: project designer
- 2014-2015 Metabolic Studio, Los Angeles/Detroit: project coordinator, design + research + grantmaking
- 2013-2015 *Alibi Studio, Detroit: design + research (intermittent)
- Fall 2013 SPF:architects, Los Angeles: project designer
- Summer 2013 Museum of Jurassic Technology, Los Angeles: exhibit design + fabrication
- Summer 2012 EADO, Ann Arbor: exhibit design + fabrication
- Fall 2010 Black River Design, Montpelier, VT: University of Cincinnati co-op
- Fall 2009 Osborn Architects, Los Angeles, CA: University of Cincinnati co-op
- Spring 2009 M1/DTW, Detroit, MI: University of Cincinnati co-op

Honors and Awards

- 2022 Great Places Award for Place Art, Environmental Design Research Association (Black Bottom Street View)
- 2019-2020 Peter Reyner Banham Fellow, University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning
- 2016 Knight Arts Challenge Winner (Black Bottom Street View)
- 2015 Wohnungsfrage Academy Participant, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin Germany
- 2013 "Brutalist Facelift" Competition Winner (Third Prize), with Jordan Hicks, homemadedessert.org
- 2013 Thesis Award, University of Michigan TCAUP
- 2012-2013 Wheeler Family Memorial Award, University of Michigan TCAUP
- 2011-2012 Taubman Scholar, University of Michigan TCAUP
- 2007-2011 UC21 Scholarship + Cincinnati Founders Scholarship, University of Cincinnati
- 2007-2011 Robert Byrd Scholarship, State of Michigan

Exhibits

- 2022 "Black Bottom Street View" at Liggett High School, May - June 2021 (with Black Bottom Archives)
- 2022 "Finding Home: Stories of Displacement" at Detroit Artist Market, part of a group show curated by Laura D. Gibson, April - May 2022 (with Black Bottom Archives)
- 2021 "Black Bottom Street View" in the Wayne State University David Adamany Undergraduate Library, November - December 2021 (with Black Bottom Archives)
- 2021 "Invoking the Spirit: Detroit's Historic Black Bottom" in Lafayette Park, part of exhibit developed by the Detroit Historical Museum, September 2021 (with Black Bottom Archives, the Detroit Historical Museum and Design Core Detroit)
- 2020 "Black Bottom Street View" at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Hall Centennial Celebration, January - March 2020 (with Black Bottom Archives and the Detroit Historical Museum)
- 2019 "Black Bottom Street View" at the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform Symposium "Dispossessing Detroit: How the Law Takes Property," November 2019
- 2018 "Black Bottom Street View" at the Detroit Public Library Main Branch, November 2018 - May 2019
- 2018 "Pedal to Porch: Black Bottom," at FRONT Gallery, Michigan Research Studio, October 2018
- 2013 "Thesis Honors Projects," University of Michigan TCAUP
- 2012 + 2013 Student Show @ University of Michigan TCAUP

Publications

- Forthcoming 2023: Mapping the Education Crisis: The Dismantling of African American Neighborhoods in Detroit, Volume Two, Book Designer and Co-author (with the We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective)
- Mapping Chicagou/Chicago: A Living Atlas, 2019. Research, Cartography and Design (with Settler Colonial City Project for the Chicago Architecture Biennial)
- Mapping the Water Crisis: The Dismantling of African American Neighborhoods in Detroit, Volume One, 2016. Book Designer and Co-author (with the We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective)
- StudioAFRICA, publication by Taubman College professor emeritus James Chaffers, 2013
Book Designer and Co-editor (with James Chaffers)
- Dimensions 25, Taubman College student journal, 2011-2012
Book Designer and Co-editor (with Robin Chhabra, Nathan Mattson, Elizabeth Nichols, and Steven Scharrer)
Received Honorable Mention, Center for Architecture Foundation's Douglas Haskell Award for Student Journals, 2012

Book Chapters

- "Matters of the PostNatural: On the History and Design of Human Modifications of Nonhumans," with Etienne Turpin and Rich Pell, in Art in the Anthropocene: Encounters Among Aesthetics, Politics, Environments, and Epistemologies, editors Heather Davis and Etienne Turpin, Ann Arbor: Open Humanities Press, 2015

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Essays

- "Water insecurity and psychosocial distress: case study of the Detroit water shutoffs," Journal of Public Health, September 2020 (with Nadia Gaber, Andrew Silva, Monica Lewis-Patrick, Debra Taylor, and Roslyn Bouier)

Conference Proceedings resulting from Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- "Mapping Water Shutoffs and the Spread of COVID-19 in Detroit," Environmental Design Research Association 53, "Health in All Design," (Abstract, EDRA 2022) (with Monica Lewis-Patrick and Nadia Gaber)
- "Black Bottom Street View: Mobilizing a City Archive," Proceedings of the 2021 ACSA Intersections Research Conference: Communities (ACSA 2021)

"MORE REAL: Collecting Studio Culture Confessions and Successes," Proceedings of the 2019 ACSA Fall Conference, "Less Talk | More Action," (ACSA 2019) (with Erika Lindsay)

"Working Group: Fostering Inclusivity in Architectural Education," Proceedings of the 2019 ACSA Fall Conference, "Less Talk | More Action," (ACSA 2019) (with Erika Lindsay)

Other Published Articles

"Flying the Coop: A Zoo for Belle Isle," *Dimensions* 27, 2014

"Preservation Detroit: Experimental Branch," *Ampersand Volume 8: Sites of Decline*, 2013

"Flying the Coop: Another Kind of Zoo for Belle Isle," *Horizonte: Journal for Architectural Discourse No. 8: Limits*, Fall 2013

"Welcome to the Center for PostNatural History: Rich Pell in Conversation with Emily Kutil," *Scapegoat 05: Excess*, Summer/Fall 2013

Lectures and Public Presentations

Invited Panels

- 2021 "Session 1: Los Angeles: The Architecture of Four Ecologies + Scenes in America Deserta," at Peter Reyner Banham Fellowship: 20 years, 21 Banham Fellows (2000-2021) Symposium, University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning
- 2020 "Session 3: Public Health & Water Affordability," at All About Water Virtual Series, Freshwater Future
- 2019 Congressional Briefing on Water Equity and Climate Resilience, Co-hosted by Senate Environmental Justice Caucus and the House United for Climate and Environmental Justice Congressional Task Force
- 2019 "WASH Challenges in the USA: Water System Vulnerabilities in the US and their Similarities/Differences to the Global WASH Crisis," at Global Water Alliance Conference, The Water Center at the University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 "The Affordability Crisis," at Making Ends Meet: A Workshop on Water Affordability, Mayors' Innovation Project / The Water Center at the University of Pennsylvania
- 2017 "Urban Water Issues are Everyone's Water Issues," at Great Lakes Restoration Conference, Healing our Waters / Great Lakes Coalition, Buffalo, NY
- 2016 "Special Roundtable on Reclaiming the Detroit Commons," at Reclaiming the Commons: Diverse Ways of Being and Knowing," Ecojustice and Activism Conference, Eastern Michigan University

Invited Lectures

- 2022 Invited lecture, University of Kentucky College of Design
- 2021 "Whose Water? Our Water!" keynote lecture with Monica Lewis-Patrick for Design Futures Forum 2021
- 2021 "Mapping Water Shutoffs and Public Health Impacts in Detroit and Beyond," presentation to University of Michigan Integrated Health Sciences Core (with Monica Lewis-Patrick and Nadia Gaber, representing We the People of Detroit)
- 2021 "Structural Racism & Public Health: A Way Forward?" at *Detroiters Speak* Winter 2021: Pandemic Politics: From Lockdown to Liberation, University of Michigan LSA Semester in Detroit (with Monica Lewis-Patrick and Nadia Gaber, representing We the People of Detroit)
- 2018 "Black Bottom Street View," University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture
- 2018 "Conversation with Emily Kutil," University of Cincinnati College of Design, Architecture, Art and Urban Planning "Business Casual" lecture
- 2016 "Mapping the Water Crisis," Teach-in on Detroit and Flint Water Crises, organized by Detroiters Resisting Emergency Management (with Monica Lewis-Patrick)

Radio Interviews

- 2017 "Digitally Recreating Detroit's Black Bottom Neighborhood," NPR, WDET, Stephen Henderson Show. April 13, 2017.
- "Water Shut-offs Linked to Foreclosure in Detroit," NPR, WDET, Morning Edition. August 25, 2017.

News Coverage and Work Cited

- 2022 Sarah Rahal, "Tlaib, advocates demand openness in Detroit's water affordability plan," [The Detroit News](#) (July 7, 2022) (We the People of Detroit)
- 2021 "Exhibit brings Detroit's Black Bottom back to life," [Today@Wayne](#) (December 2, 2021) (Black Bottom Street View)
- Elvis Mitchell, "Ed Solomon: No Sudden Move," [KCRW The Treatment](#) (July 20, 2021) (Black Bottom Street View)
- Adam Chitwood, "'No Sudden Move' Writer Ed Solomon on Drawing From Real History to Craft a 50s Crime Thriller," [Collider](#) (July 1, 2021) (Black Bottom Street View)
- Adam Graham, "Heist movie 'No Sudden Move' makes sure Detroit's history not stolen," [The Detroit News](#) (June 29, 2021) (Black Bottom Street View)
- Neal Rubin, "Proposed I-375 project will elevate a Detroit roadway above its racist past," [The Detroit News](#) (March 23, 2021) (Black Bottom Street View)
- 2020 LaCrai Mitchell, "Detroit's water shutoff has been stopped for now, but need for permanent fix remains," [CBS News](#) (July 30, 2020) (news article and television interview) (We the People of Detroit)
- Nina Ignaczak, "Detroit Water Shutoffs and a Crisis of Public Health," [Detour Detroit](#) (March 24, 2020) (We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective).
- 2019 Amy Crawford, "Capturing Black Bottom, a Detroit Neighborhood Lost to Urban Renewal," [City Lab](#) [February, 15, 2019] (Black Bottom Street View).
- Stateside, "How the razing of Detroit's Black Bottom neighborhood shaped Michigan's history," [Michigan Radio](#) [February 11, 2019] (Black Bottom Street View).
- Joe Lapointe, "Lapointe: Detroit's 'Black Bottom' Lives On in A Compelling Photo Exhibit," [Deadline Detroit](#) [January 27, 2019] (Black Bottom Street View).
- Will Feuer, "'Black Bottom Street View' exhibit rebuilds the historic neighborhood at the Detroit Public Library," [Detroit Metro Times](#) [January 25, 2019] (Black Bottom Street View).
- Ryan Patrick Hooper, "Detroit's Black Bottom neighborhood resurrected in photo exhibit," [Detroit Free Press](#) [January 24, 2019] (Black Bottom Street View).
- Jessica Leigh Hester, "Revisiting Detroit's Black Bottom Neighborhood, Decades After Demolition," [Atlas Obscura](#) [January 24, 2019] (Black Bottom Street View).
- "Photo exhibit profiles Detroit's long-lost Black Bottom neighborhood," [Click On Detroit Local 4 News](#) [January 10, 2019] (Black Bottom Street View).
- Michael Hodges, "Detroit's Black Bottom resurrected at Detroit Public Library," [Detroit News](#) [January 9, 2019] (Black Bottom Street View).
- 2018 Alex Trajkovski, "Explore Detroit's razed Black Bottom neighborhood through DPL exhibition," [Curbed Detroit](#) [December 28, 2018] (Black Bottom Street View).
- 2017 Joel Kurth, "Detroit shut water to 1 in 10 homes this year. Yes, that's progress." [Bridge Magazine](#) (December 5, 2017) (We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective).
- Allie Gross, "Experts see public health crisis in Detroit water shutoffs," [The Detroit Free Press](#) (July 26, 2017) (We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective).

Lindsey Smith, "Organizers, health professionals to examine how water shutoffs can affect Detroiters' health," NPR, [Michigan Radio](#) (July 24, 2017) [We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective].

Joel Kurth, "Are Detroit water shutoffs and illnesses related?" [Bridge Magazine](#) (May 2, 2017) [We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective].

Katrease Stafford, "Almost 18K at risk for water shutoffs in Detroit," [The Detroit Free Press](#) (April 19, 2017) [We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective].

Bill McGraw, "Bringing Detroit's Black Bottom back to (virtual) life," [The Detroit Free Press](#) (February 27, 2017) [Black Bottom Street View]

"Years after it was razed, Detroit's Black Bottom neighborhood revived in digital form," NPR, [Michigan Radio](#), Stateside (February 28, 2017) [Black Bottom Street View]

"Detroit Architect Creates Digital Black Bottom Neighborhood," [Deadline Detroit](#) (February 28, 2017) [Black Bottom Street View]

"How Architect Emily Kutil Plans To Bring Detroit's Destroyed Black Neighborhoods Back To Life," [Blavity](#) (February 2017) [Black Bottom Street View]

2016 "Mapping the crisis: how water shutoffs are devastating Detroit," [Fox 2 News](#) (August 11, 2016) [We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective].

Grants

2021-2022 Lawrence Technological University Graduate Research Assistant Awards, Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

2016-2020 Black Bottom Street View
Knight Arts Challenge Grant, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (\$15,000)
Invited grant, The Metabolic Studio (\$15,000)
Invited grant, Detroit Public Library Friends Foundation (\$5,000)

2013 University of Michigan Museum Studies Program Practicum Grant
For exhibit design and fabrication at the Museum of Jurassic Technology (\$6,000)

Teaching

University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, 2022-present

Fall 2022 Arc 660: Thesis Development Seminar
Spring 2023 Arc 662: Thesis Studio

University of Kentucky College of Design, 2022-2023

Fall 2022 Arc 658: Arch Design Studio VIII / UED 601: Urban Design Studio I

Lawrence Technological University College of Architecture and Design, 2020-2022

Spring 2022 Arc 3126: Integrated Design 4 Studio
Spring 2022 Arc 5423: Ecological Issues
Fall 2021 Arc 2116: Integrated Design 1 Studio and Lab (coordinator)
Spring 2021 Des 1223: Design Methodologies
Spring 2021 Arc 3126: Integrated Design 4 Studio
Fall 2020 Arc 2116: Integrated Design 1 Studio and Lab (co-coordinator)

SUNY Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning, 2019-2020

Winter 2020 Arc 608: Graduate Option Studio, What Must Be Tied
Winter 2020 Arc 546: Technical Methods in Ecological Practices
Fall 2019 Arc 300: Junior Studio, Tectonics of Buoyancy
Fall 2019 Arc 591: Banham Seminar, Mapping the Land Crisis

University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture, 2015-2019

Winter 2019	Arch 1400: 2nd Year Studio
Winter 2019	Arch 1211: Visual Communication (Coordinator)
Fall 2018	Arch 1300: 2nd Year Studio
Fall 2018	Arch 2110: Visual Communication (Coordinator)
Winter 2018	Arch 1400: 2nd Year Studio
Winter 2018	Arch 1211: Visual Communication (Coordinator)
Fall 2017	Arch 1300: 2nd Year Studio
Fall 2017	Arch 2110: Visual Communication
Winter 2017	Arch 1211: Visual Communication
Fall 2016	Arch 2100/2300: Vertical 3rd/4th Year Electronic Design Studio, Stories
Winter 2016	Arch 2100/2300: Vertical 3rd/4th Year Studio, Worlds
Fall 2015	Arch 2100/2300: Vertical 3rd/4th Year Studio, Viewports

Student Teaching and Research Assistantships

Fall 2012	Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan Taubman College
2011	Research Assistant, University of Cincinnati SAID
Spring 2010	Teaching Assistant, University of Cincinnati SAID

Invited Guest Critic

Bowling Green State University, University at Buffalo, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Cincinnati, University of Detroit Mercy, Harvard University, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan

Academic Service

Lawrence Technological University College of Architecture and Design

2021-2022	Integrated Design I Coordinator (Fall 2021) Lectures and Exhibitions Committee AIAS Faculty Advisor Ad-hoc committee: assessment of NAAB Criteria PC.8: Social Equity + Inclusion NAAB Interpreter, PC.3B: Site Design
2020-2021	Integrated Design I Coordinator (Fall 2020) Lectures and Exhibitions Committee Faculty Search Committee AIAS Faculty Advisor

SUNY Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning

2019-2021	Peter Reyner Banham Fellowship Search Committee
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University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture

2018-2019	Visual Communication III Coordinator (Fall 2018) Visual Communication II Coordinator (Winter 2019) Visual Communication IV Implementation Committee Summer Camp Committee + Camp Coordinator
2017-2018	Visual Communication II Coordinator (Winter 2018) Summer Camp Committee + Camp Coordinator

Other Involvement

2022-present	Great Places Awards Committee, Environmental Design Research Association
2021-present	Member of Great Lakes Commission's Blue Accounting Drinking Water Access Team
2020-present	Board Member, Black Bottom Archives
2014-present	Co-founder, We the People of Detroit Community Research Collective; Member, WPD
2014-2016	Member, Detroiters Resisting Emergency Management